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एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

**D.O No. MD-SBM/AA/22/2016**

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*Respected Sir*

As you are aware, Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) aims at making India clean by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 with the following objectives:

- a) Making the country 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF)
- b) 100% modern and scientific Municipal Solid Waste management

It is also noteworthy that this mission is running in a time-bound manner with a clear deadline to achieve the above objectives.

2 It may also be noted that for the success of Swachh Bharat Mission, every day is important as a 'Saturation Approach' is being pursued with heavy involvement of citizens, especially women and school children.

3 With the General Elections to the state assemblies of Tamilnadu, West Bengal, Kerala, Assam and Puducherry scheduled to be held later this year, the activities under the mission may lose vital days and weeks due to the model code of conduct being enforced.

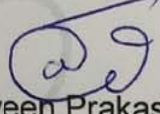
3 It is our sincere request to consider exemption of the following activities of Swachh Bharat Mission from the Model Code of Conduct so as to sustain the momentum already achieved:

- a) Disbursement of Individual Incentives for Household Toilets (IHHL)
- b) Finalization of tenders for construction of Public/ Community Toilets
- c) Procurement of equipment/vehicles for Municipal Solid Waste Management
- d) Finalization of partners for projects under Solid Waste management and/or sanitation

4 I request you to kindly consider the above request favourably so that the momentum of Swachh Bharat Mission can be sustained and we are able to declare India as "Swachh" on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.

With regards

Yours sincerely

  
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