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Dear

Subject : - Declaring the ward/city as open defecation free.

Many cities/States are requesting Government of India to define the Open Defecation Free Ward/City. It is also observed that different States/Cities are coming up with different definition of Open Defecation. To ensure uniformity across the country, following definition is hereby notified for declaring a ward/city as ODF:-

"A city/ward is notified as ODF city/ward if, at any point of the day, not a single person is found defecating in the open".

2. Necessary conditions to be achieved before declaring the city/ward as open defecation free:-

- All households that have space to construct toilet, have constructed the one.
- All occupants of those households that do not have space to construct toilet, have access to community toilet within a distance of 500 metres.
- All commercial areas have public toilets within a distance of one KM.
- City has a mechanism in place through which they impose fine on the persons who defecate in open.

3. After notification of the city as ODF by the city administration, State should ensure that the claim of the city is verified through third party. The third party protocol will be shared with the cities and States in the next one week by the undersigned.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Praveen Prakash)

To,

Municipal Commissioners of the 75 cities.  
Mission Directors of States/UTs  
Secretary, Urban Development of the States/UTs