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12 January 2017

D.O No. MD-SBM/FG/05/2017

Sub: Meeting to discuss the inclusion of a course on 'Segregation of Waste and Resource Recovery' under MSDEs existing courses across relevant sectors

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the Government of India is implementing 'Swachh Bharat Mission' (SBM) since October, 2014 with the goal of achieving a Clean India by 2nd October 2019. A key component of the mission is to help cities across to manage Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) in a sustainable manner through promoting efficient mechanisms for waste segregation, collection, storage, transportation, resource recovery, processing (through composting, energy production, plastic to oil) and final disposal.

- 2. Plastic waste is increasingly finding place in the municipal waste stream and is responsible for several environmental problems especially choking of drains and littering of public areas.
- 3. A preliminary level discussion was held with the representatives of Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals on 11th January 2017 to understand the initiatives undertaken by them towards processing of waste plastic into oil. During this meeting it was understood that processing was subject to efficient systems for resource recovery being set up for which the ministry is currently carrying out a number of workshops for the training of rag pickers in the management of plastic waste with the help of an NGO in Bhopal.
- 4. On discussion, it was felt that if the same training modules were included in Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE's) existing courses across relevant sectors of work, it will go a long way in creating opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship in this area while promoting resource recovery on a large scale.
- 5. In this regard another meeting is scheduled on **Monday**, **16**th **January 2017 at 2:30 PM**. We request you to depute the concerned official from your department for this meeting to discuss the plan and way forward in this regard.

Look forward to your cooperation for the success of this initiative.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Prayeen Prakash)

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