



SB / SBM / 029 / 2017

Date: 1st March 2017

Dear Madam / Sir,

Re: Amendment to protocol for ODF declaration

It is indeed heartening to see the enthusiasm with which cities are now stepping up their efforts to declare themselves ODF and also get themselves certified as ODF through third party. We hope that in the coming months, more cities will be joining the fray in the race to become ODF and sustain their ODF status.

Going forward, we would like to strengthen the ODF protocol and declaration process, to increase their credibility and transparency. Accordingly, in addition to the existing conditions required to be met for ODF declaration, two more conditions will be required to be fulfilled for ODF declaration, viz.

- Details of all Individual household toilets (IHHL) constructed from 2011 onwards will have to mandatorily be uploaded on the SBM-Urban portal
- Pictures of all functional community and public toilets in the city, irrespective of the date of construction, will have to mandatorily be uploaded on the SBM-Urban portal.

To summarise, the **revised necessary infrastructure and regulatory conditions to be achieved before declaring a city/ ward as Open Defecation Free are as follows:**

- 1) All households that have space to construct toilet, have constructed one.
- 2) All occupants of those households that do not have space to construct toilet have **access to a community toilet within a distance of 500 meters.**
- 3) All commercial areas have **public toilets within a distance of 1 kilometer.**
- 4) Details of all **Individual household toilets (IHHL)** constructed from 2011 onwards will have to mandatorily be **uploaded on the SBM-Urban portal**

5) Pictures of all **functional community and public toilets** in the city, irrespective of the date of construction, will have to mandatorily be **uploaded on the SBM-Urban portal**.

This amendment will come into force with immediate effect, with intimation to the third party inspection agency too.

We wish you all the best in your accelerated journey towards ODF status.

With regards,


(PRAVEEN PRAKASH)

All State Mission Directors / All MCs
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