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D.O. No. DR/SBM/19/2017



Dated 17th May, 2017

Sub: Request from State's for ODF verification of cities by Quality Council of India

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) has enlisted Quality Council of India (QCI) to assess the Open Defecation Free (ODF) declarations of cities through on-ground visits and, following successful verification, to certify cities as ODF.

2. In this regard, it has come to the Ministry's notice that the ODF requests of many cities are getting missed. This hinders timely certification, which prevents cities from shifting their focus to other aspects of the sanitation value chain.

3. Given this, you are requested to send your ODF requests to both Dr. Ramakant (<u>dr.ramakantud@gmail.com</u>) of MoUD and Anil Prakash (<u>sbmurban.moud@gmail.com</u>) of the national PMU, as well as mark a copy (CC) to QCI (<u>contact.sbmodf@gmail.com</u>).

I look forward to your support and wish you all the best in your accelerated journey towards ODF status.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Τo,

Mission Directors (SBM-U) of all States/UTs

Copy to,

- 1. Municipal Commissioners of all ULBs
- 2. Secretary General, Quality Council of India
- 3. Additional Mission Director (SBM-U)
- 4. CPHEEO
- 5. Section

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