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Sub: **Open Defecation Free (ODF) Certification for Cantonment Boards**

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, Ministry of Urban Development is implementing Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Urban with a goal to make the country clean and open defecation free(ODF) by 2nd October 2019.

2. 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 thorough 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.

3. In addition to 4041 statutory towns that the Ministry is targeting to make ODF, there are 62 Cantonment Boards in the country which are administratively controlled by the Ministry of Defence at the apex level and Director General Defence Estates is the authority to give recommendations on any matter pertaining to these Cantonment Boards..

4. The Cantonment Boards qualified as Statutory towns have been given ODF targets in Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U). But since SBM-U implementation mandate is with the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), Cantonment Boards are not receiving funds under SBM-Urban from the ULB since they are out of the ULBs' jurisdiction. However, it may be noted that under the AMRUT Mission, also under MoUD, Cantonment Boards (Civilian areas) comes under the list of notified cities, making them part of the AMRUT Mission, and eligible for funding.

5. In order to make Cantonment Boards an integral part of the ODF process, we request you to kindly entertain ODF verification request(s) from the Cantonment Boards directly. For any ODF verification request to Quality Council of India (QCI), the Cantonment Board will also mark a copy to the Ministry.

6. The ODF verification cost for these Cantonment Boards will be met out from the budget earmarked for QCI to assess ULBs for ODF.

Look forward to your continued support in Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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