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Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
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Date: 09th August 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that one of the objectives under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) (SBM) is to ensure 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) status in all 4041 cities/towns of the country. Till date 1260 cities across the country have declared themselves as ODF out of which 990 have been certified by Quality Council of India (QCI) as part of third party verification.

2. During interaction with the States/UTs & cities many of them have submitted that they are not able to achieve ODF status due to prevalence of open defecation prevalent across the railway tracks. These States have requested the Ministry to take up the issue at the highest level with the Ministry of Railways to enable them to achieve ODF status.
3. In this regard a meeting was held between Hon'ble Railway Minister & Secretary MHUA to sort out the outstanding issues. The copy of the minutes of the meeting is enclosed.
4. Following decisions were taken during the meeting pertaining to SBM.
 - i. Railway Board Order of 30th April 2015 regarding provision of Mobile toilets/eco-friendly toilets for the use of encroachers in the railway land by the local Government to avoid human evacuation on railway Tracks still holds good.
 - ii. Railways may allow mobile/eco friendly toilets or prefab toilets with septic tanks on railway land provided
 - a. Toilets can only be provided on the land which is available after taking into consideration the safety zone requirement of 15 m from the outer most existing/proposed track.

- b. The toilets may be provided and maintained by the State Govt/Urban Local Bodies after entering into an agreement with the railway authorities with the conditions that they are required to be removed as and when land is required by the railways. No permanent construction will be allowed. Only temporary construction
- c. which can be dismantled will be permitted. The maintenance of such toilets has to be ensured by the State Govt/Urban Local Bodies.
- d. A joint survey by the railway officials and the State Govt/ ULB officials is required to be conducted for each location to ensure that no State Govt/ ULB land is available in the vicinity of the encroachers of railway land.
- iii. Rehabilitation of encroachers on railway land is not allowed.
- iv. Indian Railways is planning a cleanliness drive from from 16-31st August 2017. You are requested to issue instructions to the Municipal Commissioners & Executive Officers of all cities/ULBs to participate in the cleanliness drive of the Indian Railways for cleaning the areas along and around the railway lines and to maintain cleanliness.
5. You are kindly requested to bring these instructions to the notice of all Municipal Commissioners/ Executive Officers of all ULBs for ensuring effective liasoning with the local railway authorities for achieving ODF status in the city.
6. I look forward to your support in making India an Open Defecation Free Country.

With regards

Yours sincerely


(Rajiv Ranjan Mishra)

To:
All Principal secretary(Urban Development) (As per List Enclosed)

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