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Dated 09 December 2016

Sub: Meeting request to discuss Permission for construction of Toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) on salt pan land in Mira Bhaindar, Maharashtra

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. One of the important components of SBM (U) is the construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) and Community/Public Toilets (CT/PT) across all 4041 towns/cities, in order to end open defecation and improve sanitation & hygiene outcomes across the country.

2. You would be happy to know that Maharashtra State has committed to make Urban Maharashtra ODF by 2nd October 2017. Mira Bhaindar Municipal Corporation (MBMC) is one of the leading ULBs in implementing this flagship programme, and are committed to making the city ODF by 31st March, 2017.

3. However, the process of ODF declaration in the city is delayed due to the restriction from the Salt Department, Maharashtra to construct individual and community toilets on the Salt Department Land without prior permission from the concerned authority. This land also falls under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ). The salt pan land in Mira Bhaindar cover a total area of approximately 14.98 square kilometres, out of which 1075 square metres is proposed to be used for construction of CTs. The harmful practice of Open Defecation is rampant on the land under question due to which MBMC had decided to construct 13 blocks (312 toilet seats) of CTs, for the population from nearby settlements (approximately 1000 persons) to use and make the area ODF. The details of the land with the sketch of the proposed CTs is enclosed for your reference (**Annexure – I**). Further, the detailed communication received from the Mission Director, Swachh Maharashtra, is also enclosed for your kind reference (**Annexure – II**).

3. Since the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce & Industry oversees the Government lands under the administrative control of Salt Commissioner's organisation, it is sincerely requested that you depute the concerned officer to attend a meeting at the Office of the Undersigned to discuss this issue further and agree on a solution, for MBMC to expedite the achievement of ODF status.

4. The meeting is scheduled on December 15, 2016 at 1230 hours at 140C, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. A representative from the Mira Bhaindar Municipal Corporation will also be present for the meeting. Request your office to kindly get in touch with Aditi Sharma, SBM-PMU (+91-7042284584; sbmurban.moud@gmail.com) regarding any query and also share the deputed officer's contact details.

I look forward to your support for making Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) a success.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Praveen Prakash)

To,

Shri Ramesh Abhishek, Secretary, DIPP

Copy To,

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Shri G R Raghavender, Joint Secretary & Salt Commissioner
Mission Director, Swachh Maharashtra
Municipal Commissioner, Mira Bhaindar Municipal Corporation
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