



D.O. SB / SBM / 012 / 2017

Date: 2nd February 2017

Dear Madam / Sir,

Re: Reiterating the criteria for ODF declaration of cities

It is heartening to note the enthusiasm with which states and cities are now speeding up their efforts towards achieving Open Defecation Free status, through self-declaration and subsequently through third party verification, following the ODF declaration protocol shared with you.

During the third party verification process to be followed after the self-declaration, the field assessors will be visiting commercial areas to check the availability of public / community toilets every 1 km. Moreover, they will also be randomly inspecting households to confirm whether they have toilets (for those houses that have space to construct one).

Hence, prior to self-declaring the city / ward as ODF, we would like you to stringently make sure at your end that:

- all households that have space to construct toilet, have constructed one,
- in commercial areas, there is a public / community toilet available within a distance of one kilometre each.

This would help to ensure that during the third party verification process, the ODF status declared by you is upheld and certified.

Wishing you the very best in your journey towards an ODF state / city.

With sincere regards,



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To: Municipal commissioners / Mission Directors of all states /UTs

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