



D.O. 14/07/2016-SBM-II

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**Sub: Feedback Request on the envisaged National Policy on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019. The Ministry is also implementing Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) with the goal of improving water supply, sewerage and solid waste management.

2. However, in order to achieve robust outcomes under the purview of both the initiatives (SBM and AMRUT), it is imperative that adequate attention is provided to faecal sludge and septage management. In view of this, it is my pleasure to acquaint you to the recent initiative of the Ministry to launch the National Policy for Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (Draft enclosed as **Annexure – I**). The proposed policy is slotted to be unveiled by the Minister of Urban Development on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 in Chennai.

3. The Policy with an overarching objective of making the cities and towns totally sanitized, healthy and liveable would seek to leverage on faecal sludge and septage management approaches. The policy sets the direction and priorities for nationwide implementation of FSSM services in all ULBs. Moreover, it also describes the roles and responsibilities of several stakeholders and sets an agenda for the implementation strategy and city-level assessment.

4. In order to ensure that the policy development process is participative and inclusive we have shared with you the draft document. It is sincerely requested that you provide your comments and suggestions on the same, such that they can be

incorporated in the document. It will be appreciated if the Ministry receives this feedback on or before the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

5. It is also requested that the draft should also be circulated with the following officers for their feedback:

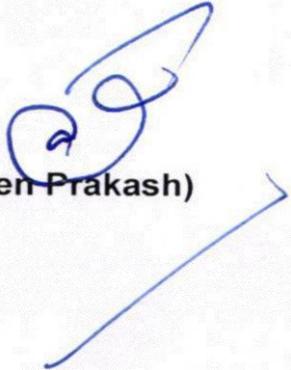
- Mission Director SBM
- Mission Director AMRUT
- Heads of other relevant State/Metropolitan Bodies engaged in Water, Sewerage and Sanitation sector

6. Request your office to kindly get in touch with Aparajita Tripathi or Salman Khan (AMRUT-Technical Support Unit), (+91-7054845254, +91-9866315522; sbmurban.moud@gmail.com) regarding any query.

I look forward to your encouragement and support for launching the National Policy on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Praveen Prakash)

To,

Principal Secretary (UD) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

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