

To  
All the District Collectors,  
Andhra Pradesh.

**File.No: SAC-15/6/2019-COO II-SAC, dt:01.08.2019.**

Sir,

Sub: SAC-Construction of Community toilets in villages with predominant SC/ST habitations by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019-Reg.

Ref: F. No. S-18020/91/2016-SBM, dt:31.07.2019, of the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Jai Shakti Department of Drinking Water and sanitation.

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Attention is invited to the subject and reference cited and please find the enclosed copy of the reference cited.

Vide reference cited, the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Jai Shakti Department of Drinking Water and sanitation has informed that Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) was launched with the aim to achieve universal sanitation coverage by providing access to toilets to all the rural households and to ensure sustainability of its outcome through intense behavior change campaign. SBM(G) guidelines also emphasize on the significance of equity and inclusion and provide for prioritizing construction of toilets for socially and economically marginalized people and to provide toilets with standard design for households living in areas where it is difficult to construct simple toilets due to high water tables, sandy soils or hard rock etc.

As SBM(G) is heading towards its deadline, it is important that special efforts be made in the last leg of the Mission to ensure access to toilets for all especially for the socially and economically marginalized households and for those households who are residing in difficult terrain. In view of above, it has been felt that construction of Community Sanitation Complexes in the villages having habitations with predominant SC/ST population is one of the key factors for ensuring universal sanitation coverage and sustainability of ODF status in such villages.

Thus, Community Sanitary Complexes may be constructed in all such villages with appropriate no. of toilet seats and bathing space, if required. For construction of Community Sanitary Complexes in the villages, the States may use handbook for establishment of CSC issued by this Department which is enclosed to note file. Accordingly, at least one of the toilet seats in these CSCs must be made *Divyang* friendly and should have easy access for *Divyang* people. Further, it is reiterated that as per SBM(G) guidelines financial assistance of upto Rs. 2 lakhs in the ratio of 60:30:10 can be provided for construction of a CSC.

Operation and maintenance of these CSCs is the responsibility of the Gram Panchayat and they have to ensure its proper maintenance and cleanliness to ensure sustainable use of such CSCs by the community.

Construction of CSCs in all the villages with predominant SC/ST habitations may be taken in a mission mode and has to be completed by 31st December 2019. A rapid appraisal may be undertaken to identify SC/ST habitations that need a community toilet. A committee of people from SC/ST habitation that need a community toilet, may be constituted to supervise construction and maintenance of the toilet complexes. This committee should also ensure construction of the toilet complex within the prescribed time limit. However, for ease of maintenance, an individual/Group from the same village where the community toilet is constructed should be made responsible for daily operation and maintenance under the overall supervision and support of Gram Panchayat.

Therefore, it is requested to issue necessary instructions to SEs, RWS & S to ensure that construction of CSCs in all the villages with predominant SC/ST habitations is taken up in a mission mode and is completed within the prescribed timeline i.e., 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

Yours faithfully,

**DR P SAMPATH KUMAR  
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Encl: As above.

Copy submitted to Principal Secretary PR & RD Department for information.

Copy to all the SEs, RWS & S for information and necessary action.

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F. No. S-18020/91/2016-SBM  
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Dated: 31.07.2019

To,  
The Chief Secretary,  
All States/UTs

**Subject: Construction of community toilets in villages with predominant SC/ST Habitations by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

Madam/Sir

Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) was launched with the aim to achieve universal sanitation coverage by providing access to toilets to all the rural households and to ensure sustainability of its outcome through intense behaviour change campaign. SBM(G) guidelines also emphasize on the significance of equity and inclusion and provide for prioritizing construction of toilets for socially and economically marginalized people and to provide toilets with standard design for households living in areas where it is difficult to construct simple toilets due to high water tables, sandy soils or hard rock etc.

2. As SBM(G) is heading towards its deadline, it is important that special efforts be made in the last leg of the Mission to ensure access to toilets for all especially for the socially and economically marginalised households and for those households who are residing in difficult terrain.

3. In view of above, it has been felt that construction of Community Sanitation Complexes in the villages having habitations with predominant SC/ST population is one of the key factors for ensuring universal sanitation coverage and sustainability of ODF status in such villages.

4. Thus, Community Sanitary Complexes may be constructed in all such villages with appropriate no. of toilet seats and bathing space, if required. For construction of Community Sanitary Complexes in the villages, the States may use handbook for establishment of CSC issued by this Department which is available on the SBM(G) website (URL for the hand book is as follows: <https://swachhbharatmission.gov.in/sbmcms/writereaddata/images/pdf/technical-notes-manuals/Community-Sanitary-Complex.pdf>). In this regard, reference is also invited to this Department's letter of even no. dated 09.08.2016 regarding making provision for accessibility for persons with disabilities in all CSCs constructed under SBM(G). Accordingly, at least one of the toilet seats in these CSCs must be made *Divyang* friendly and should have easy access for *Divyang* people.

5. Further, it is reiterated that as per SBM(G) guidelines financial assistance of upto Rs. 2 lakhs in the ratio of 60:30:10 can be provided for construction of a CSC. However, the State have the flexibility to meet the additional requirement, if any, from their own funds or from other sources of funds such as 14<sup>th</sup> FC, CSR etc. Besides, the States can use the existing World Bank Performance Grant to achieve saturation of SC/ST habitations with community toilets as per the prescribed cost norms of SBM(G) guidelines. Operation and maintenance of these CSCs is the responsibility of the Gram Panchayat and they have to ensure its proper maintenance and cleanliness to ensure sustainable use of such CSCs by the community.

6. Construction of CSCs in all the villages with predominant SC/ST habitations may be taken in a mission mode and has to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. A rapid appraisal may be undertaken to identify SC/ST habitations that need a community toilet. A committee of people from SC/ST habitation that need a community toilet, may be constituted to supervise construction and maintenance of the toilet complexes. This committee should also ensure construction of the toilet complex within the prescribed time limit. However, for ease of maintenance, an individual/Group from the same village where the community toilet is constructed should be made responsible for daily operation and maintenance under the overall supervision and support of Gram Panchayat.

7. You are, therefore, requested to issue appropriate direction to the concern authorities to ensure that construction of CSCs in all the villages with predominant SC/ST habitations is taken up in a mission mode and is completed within the prescribed timeline.

Yours faithfully,



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