

To
All the District Collectors,
Andhra Pradesh.

File.No: 88(21)/SAM/COO(S)/GEN/2017, dt:16.10.2019.

Sir,

SAC-SAC-Construction of community toilets in villages with predominant SC/ST habitations by 31 st December 2019 – Requested –Reg.

Ref: File No: S-18020/91/2016-SBM, dt:10.10.2019, of the Additional Secretary, SBM(G), Ministry of Jal 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, SBM(G), Ministry of Jal Shakti Department of Drinking Water and sanitation has informed that construction of Community Sanitary Complexes in the villages having habitations with predominant SC/ST population is a key factor for ensuring sustainability of Open Defecation Free (ODF) status in such villages. Community Sanitary Complexes must be constructed in all such villages with the appropriate number of toilet seats and bathing space, if required.

For the construction of Community Sanitary Complexes, at least two seats for male and two for females may be ensured. These complexes must be constructed using the twin pit toilet technology which is easy to operate and maintain. Making a provision for accessibility for persons with disabilities in all CSCs constructed under SBM (G). Accordingly, at least one of the above-mentioned toilet seats in these CSCs may be made Divyang friendly and should have easy access for Divyang people. Water facility for use and upkeep of the Community Sanitary Complex must be ensured as part of the Community Sanitary Complex.

The construction of CSCs in all villages with predominant SC/ST habitations may be taken in mission mode and should be completed by 31st December 2019. A rapid appraisal may be undertaken to identify SC/ST habitations that need a community toilet. Appropriate site for construction of the Community Sanitary Complex be identified in consultation with the community. The location of the Community Sanitary complex must then be publicized in the village. Districts have the flexibility to assign the construction of CSCs to a line Department most suited to undertake this task on priority. All CSCs constructed by the agency necessarily should be geo-tagged and reported to the District.

Operation and Maintenance: Operation and maintenance of these CSCs is the responsibility of the Gram Panchayat - that proper maintenance and cleanliness is ensured for the sustainable use of such CSCs by the community. 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 would also ensure construction of the toilet complex within the prescribed time limit. For ease of maintenance, an individual/Group from the same village where the community toilet is constructed may 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 the concerned to identify the requirement of CSCs location wise / GP wise and send the same to this office for according the administrative sanction. Further, the SEs, RWS & S may be directed to ensure that the construction of CSCs in identified villages with predominant SC/ST habitations is taken up in mission mode and is completed within the prescribed timeline i.e 31 st 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.

Signature valid

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Date: 2019.10.16 15:48:25 IST
Reason: Approved



F. No. S-18020/91/2016-SBM
Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Drinking Water and sanitation

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Dated 10.10.2019

To,
The Chief Secretary,
All States/UTs

Subject: Construction of community toilets in villages with predominant SC/ST habitations by 31st December 2019

Madam/Sir

This is in continuation of this Department's letter of even no. dated 31st July, 2019 regarding construction of community toilets in SC/ST predominant habitations.

2. In this regard, it is stated that construction of Community Sanitary Complexes in the villages having habitations with predominant SC/ST population is a key factor for ensuring sustainability of Open Defecation Free (ODF) status in such villages.
3. Community Sanitary Complexes must be constructed in all such villages with the appropriate number of toilet seats and bathing space, if required. For the construction of Community Sanitary Complexes, at least two seats for male and two for females may be ensured. These complexes must be constructed using the twin pit toilet technology which is easy to operate and maintain. 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 above-mentioned toilet seats in these CSCs may be made Divyang friendly and should have easy access for Divyang people. Water facility for use and upkeep of the Community Sanitary Complex must be ensured as part of the Community Sanitary Complex.
4. The construction of CSCs in all villages with predominant SC/ST habitations may be taken in mission mode and should be completed by 31st December 2019. A rapid appraisal may be undertaken to identify SC/ST habitations that need a community toilet. Appropriate site for construction of the Community Sanitary Complex be identified in consultation with the community. The location of the Community Sanitary complex must then be publicized in the village. Districts have the flexibility to assign the construction of CSCs to a line Department most suited to undertake this task on priority. All CSCs constructed by the agency necessarily should be geo-tagged and reported to the District.



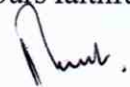
5. **Financing:** The existing World Bank Performance Grants may be used to achieve saturation of SC/ST habitations with community toilets as per the prescribed cost norms of the SBM (G) guidelines. The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation shall reimburse States the cost of construction of CSCs as per the existing funding pattern.

6. **Operation and Maintenance:** Operation and maintenance of these CSCs is the responsibility of the Gram Panchayat - that proper maintenance and cleanliness is ensured for the sustainable use of such CSCs by the community.

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 would also ensure construction of the toilet complex within the prescribed time limit. For ease of maintenance, an individual/Group from the same village where the community toilet is constructed may be made responsible for daily operation and maintenance under the overall supervision and support of Gram Panchayat.

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

Yours faithfully,



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