

To
All the District Collectors,
Andhra Pradesh.

File.No: 88(18)/SAM/COO(S)/GENERAL/2017, dt:06.09.2019.

Sir,

SAC-Ensuring construction of toilets under SBM(G) as per the standard design specifically mentioned in handbook – Requested – Reg.

Ref: No. H-11025/4/2019-SBM, dt:29.08.2019, received dt:02.09.2019, of the Deputy Secretary, SBM(G), Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDWS).

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

Vide reference cited, the Deputy Secretary, SBM(G), Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has informed that Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) in his Special Mention in Rajya Sabha on 3rd July, 2019 has raised the issue of unscientific construction of toilet pits and non-compliance of standard design of pits constructed under SBM(G) in villages causing ground water contamination. Further, he has demanded that the toilet pits should be constructed as per standard size of 1 meter of depth and 1 meter of diameter to prevent ground water contamination. Hon'ble MP has also mentioned that neither there is any qualified technician for this work nor any inspection is done for the quality of toilets.

In this regard, attention is invited to the technical handbook providing options for various safe and eco-friendly toilet technology already issued by MoDWS to all the States/UTs (and also available at SBM(G) IMIS). The handbook specifically mentions the size of the pits and distance from the drinking water sources to avoid any water contamination. SBM(G) has also been emphasizing on capacity building of field level functionaries and mason trainings for construction of safe and eco friendly toilets.

Therefore, it is requested to issue necessary instructions to the concerned to ensure that the toilets are constructed under SBM(G) as per the standard design communicated by MoDWS and indicated in the Technical Handbook and do not cause any ground/drinking water contamination.

Yours faithfully,
DR P SAMPATH KUMAR
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Encl: 1.As above.
2. Technical Handbook for IHHL.

Copy submitted to Principal Secretary, PR & RD for information.
Copy to all the SEs, RWS & S for information and necessary action.

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No. H-11025/4/2019-SBM
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Dated 29.08.2019

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary,
In-charge of rural sanitation,
All State/UTs

Subject: - Ensuring construction of toilets under SBM(G) as per standard design

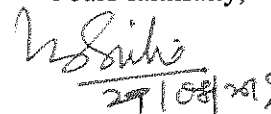
Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to state that Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) in his Special Mention in Rajya Sabha on 3rd July, 2019 has raised the issue of unscientific construction of toilet pits and non-compliance of standard design of pits constructed under SBM(G) in villages causing ground water contamination. He has demanded that the toilet pits should be constructed as per standard size of 1 meter of depth and 1 meter of diameter to prevent ground water contamination. Hon'ble MP has also mentioned that neither there is any qualified technician for this work nor any inspection is done for the quality of toilets.

2. In this regard, attention of all the States/UTs is invited to the technical handbook providing options for various safe and eco-friendly toilet technology already issued by this Department to all the States/UTs (and also available at SBM(G) IMIS). The handbook specifically mentions the size of the pits and distance from the drinking water sources to avoid any water contamination. SBM(G) has also been emphasising on capacity building of field level functionaries and mason trainings for construction of safe and eco friendly toilets.

3. In view of above, all the States/UTs are again requested to ensure that under SBM(G) the toilets are constructed as per the standard design and do not cause any ground/drinking water contamination.

Yours faithfully,



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