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Dear *Dr. Bhatta*

As you are aware, Himachal Pradesh has been allocated 6 clusters under all three Phases of Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). You would appreciate that, the Mission if implemented well as per the tenets of the SPMRM framework, will see investment of Rs. 300 crore of under all three phases of the mission. This will also result in 6 Rurban clusters, with thematic centers of economic growth, which would be inter-alia Open Defecation free, Zero Waste, saturated with LPG connections and with skilled manpower in every household.

2. The clusters have to be developed within a fixed time frame of three years. I am highlighting some of the key issues which need your intervention at this stage as follows:

Under Phase-1 Clusters: The Integrated Cluster Action Plans (ICAPs) and Detailed project report (DPR) have been duly approved. First instalment of Critical Gap Funding (CGF) of Rs 8.10 crore has been released on 30.12.16 and second instalment of Rs.8.10 crore has been released on 17.03.17 to the State, apart from Rs 0.70 crore as administrative fund.

You may like to have the execution of works in these clusters reviewed and forwarded a detailed report of the progress achieved along with the utilization certificate (UC) so as to enable us to release the 3rd installment of CGF.

Under Phase-2 Clusters: The Integrated Cluster Action Plans (ICAPs) and Detailed project report (DPR) have been duly approved. First instalment of Critical Gap Funding (CGF) of Rs 4.05 crore has been released on 28.03.17 to the State, apart from Rs 0.35 crore as administrative fund.

You may like to have the execution of works in these clusters reviewed and forwarded a detailed report of the progress achieved along with

the utilization certificate (UC) so as to enable us to release the 2nd installment of CGF.

Under Phase 3 Clusters: The ICAPs submitted by the State have been approved and Rs 12.15 crore of CGF has been released on 01.03.18, apart from Rs 1.05 crore as administrative fund. The Status of works, confirmation of approval of DPR and the requisite UC may please be forwarded at the earliest so as to enable us to release the 2nd installment of CGF.

I would request for an early action and response.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely


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