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Dear, *Sh. Jose*

As you are aware, Kerala has been allocated 12 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 1200 crore in selected clusters under phase 1, 2 and 3. This will also result in 12 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 Reports (DPRs) have been duly approved. First instalment of Critical Gap Funding (CGF) of Rs. 20.00 crore has been released on 14.09.16 and second instalment of Rs.23.30 crore has been released on 10.08.17 to the State, apart from Rs 1.40 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 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of CGF.

**Under Phase 2 Clusters:** The ICAPs submitted by the State have been approved and Rs. 21.60 crore has been released to the State on 30.06.17, apart from Rs 1.40 crore as administrative fund. However, confirmation of approval for DPR for 4 clusters is pending for more than 13 months.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of CGF.

**Under Phase 3 Clusters:** Out of four (4) approved clusters, ICAPs for three (3) clusters submitted by the State have been approved and Rs 16.20 crore of CGF has been released to the State on 05.07.18, apart from Rs 1.40 crore as administrative fund. The state has to submit one (1) remaining ICAPs at the earliest.

The Status of works, confirmation of approval of DPR and the requisite UC may please be forwarded for the approved ICAPs at the earliest so as to enable us to release the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of CGF.

I would request for an early action and response.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

  
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