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Dear, *Sh. Baridan*

As you are aware, West Bengal has been allocated 14 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. 1300 crore in selected clusters under phase 1, 2 and 3. This will also result in 14 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) submitted by the State have been duly approved. First instalment of Critical Gap Funding (CGF) of Rs. 35.10 crore has been released on 21.03.2017 to the State, apart from Rs 2.45 crore as administrative fund. However, confirmation of approval for DPR for 7 clusters is pending for more than 16 months.

The status of works, confirmation of approval of DPR and the requisite UC may be forwarded at the earliest so as to enable us to release the 2nd instalment of CGF.

Under Phase 2 Clusters: Three (3) clusters have been approved and admin fund of Rs.1.05 crore has been released to the State on 30.03. 2017. However, confirmation of approval for ICAPs for 3 clusters is pending for more than 15 months.

Under Phase 3 clusters: Submission of 4 clusters is still awaited despite several communications from the Ministry (reference J-12011/01/2016, dated 16th June

2017, K-11033/06/2016, dated 22nd November 2017 and 23rd January and 13th March 2018). As a final reminder, the SLEC approved cluster may be submitted to the Ministry at the earliest.

I would request for an early action and response.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely


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