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Dear, *Sh. Gupta*

As you are aware, Maharashtra has been allocated 20 clusters under all three Phases of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee 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 1680 crore in selected clusters under phase 1 and 2, and an additional Rs 450 crore when phase 3 is taken up. This will also result in 20 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 installment of Critical Gap Funding (CGF) of Rs 34.50 crore has been released on 14.09.16 to the State, apart from Rs 2.45 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 2<sup>nd</sup> installment 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 16.11.17, apart from Rs 1.75 crore as administrative fund. However confirmation of approval for DPR for five (5) clusters is pending for more than 8 months, along with commencement of works on the ground and 60% utilization of Critical Gap

Funds. The Status of works, confirmation of approval of DPRs 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:** Eight (8) clusters have been approved and administrative fund of Rs.2.80 crore has been released on 20.07.18. Preparation of ICAPs of Phase-3 clusters needs to be expedited and ICAPs be submitted to Ministry by September, 2018.

I would request for an early action and response.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

  
(Sanjeev Kumar)

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