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Dear *Sh. Anurag ji*

As you are aware, Punjab has been allocated 8 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. 800 crore of under all three phases of the mission. This will also result in 8 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 10.80 crore has been released on 18.11.16 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 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of CGF.

**Under Phase-2 Clusters:** The ICAP submitted by the State have been approved and Rs 27.00 crore has been released to the State on 22.02.18, apart from Rs 1.75 crore as administrative fund. However, confirmation of approval for DPR for 5 clusters is pending for more than 5 months.

**Under Phase-3 Clusters:** 1 cluster submitted by the State has been approved and Rs. 0.35 crore of administrative funds has been released on 10.08.17 for

preparation of ICAP. State may expedite the preparation of ICAPs and be submitted to Ministry for approval.

I would request for an early action and response.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

  
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