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Commissioner in the P & RD Department

To: The District Magistrate (all),

Madam/Sir,

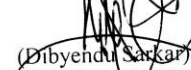
Some of the districts had been requesting the State to take up verification exercise in ODF declared villages and Gram Panchayats. As per protocol of ODF verification in the State, we follow layered system of verification where the State Level Verification is at the last leg of the process. It was decided that for the sake of uniformity and also to avoid the problem of interpretation of results, the State Level Verification will be undertaken only when the entire district claims to have achieved ODF status on the basis of internal processes undertaken in the district. Marking of villages and Gram Panchayats as 'Verified ODF' was done only after the State Level Verification.

Now, in partial modification of the strategy earlier followed, the following process for ODF verification will be followed in the State.

1. The State Level Verification by engaging agencies will be taken up only after the entire district claims to be ODF and submits certificate to that effect.
 2. Verification of ODF status of individual villages and Gram Panchayats will be done in the district and down below by following the norms indicated in the ODF protocol.
 3. Once validated at the local level, the district will mark individual village and GP as 'Declared ODF' in the IMIS.
 4. After such verification and marking, the District Magistrate shall send a certificate to the State Government in the enclosed format with a request to mark the villages and GPs included in the certificate as 'verified ODF' in the IMIS.
 5. On examination of the certificate, the State shall mark these villages as 'Verified ODF' in the system (IMIS).
 6. The first such request from the districts may be sent immediately as the IMIS indicates existence of a large number of ODF declared, but not verified villages and Gram Panchayats.
 7. Thereafter, certificates and requests will be sent by the districts in regular manner (not later than once in a quarter for further actions at this end).
- This will have immediate effect.

Encl: As stated

Yours faithfully,


(Dibyendu Sarkar)

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