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Sub: Support to Towns for achieving ODF status and for effective Fecal Sludge Management (FSM) - Reg.

Respected Sir,

As you are aware, one of the key objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) is to help all 4041 cities/towns achieve 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) status by 2nd October 2019.

2. As we move towards 100% coverage of toilets, we need to look ahead at managing the large volume of fecal sludge from the growing number of septic tanks and single pit latrines. Proper fecal sludge management (FSM) that maximizes safety and sustainability is essential and we need to develop a model that will cater to the country's future needs. Fecal sludge comprises partially stabilized excreta and slurry from improved single pit latrines, septic tanks, as well as latrines based on other improved and unimproved technologies. Unless managed appropriately, this fecal sludge poses a huge risk to public health and the environment.

3. At present about 64 million Indian households must be supported with safe FSM services. Safe disposal of fecal sludge means ensuring safety while handling/emptying the sludge from septic tanks/pits and the proper transport and disposal of the removed sludge. The demand and supply services for FSM need to be assessed, along with the associated safety issues. Local bodies, both rural and urban, state governments, and the central government have a stake in ensuring that the fecal sludge is disposed of properly, in a manner that does not cause any health or environmental hazards.

4. In this regard, MoUD has decided to extend extensive handholding support to 29 cities/towns so that they can become flagship towns for Fecal Sludge Management in India. For the same, two agencies, **Centre for Science & Environment (CSE, a leading non-profit working on environmental issues in India)** and the **National Institute for Urban Affairs (NIUA, a Government of India entity)**, working on urban transformation efforts) will provide active handholding to the below selected cities:

Sl. No	State	Towns/Cities	Assigned Agency
1	Andhra Pradesh	Proddatur, Dist. Kadapa	NIUA
2	Andhra Pradesh	Gudur, Dist Nellore	NIUA
3	Andhra Pradesh	Srikakulam, Dist Srikakulam	CSE
4	Uttarakhand	Rishikesh, Dist Dehradun	CSE
5	Uttar Pradesh	Unnao, Dist Unnao	NIUA
6	Uttar Pradesh	Ghazipur, Dist Ghazipur	NIUA
7	Uttar Pradesh	Chunar, Dist Mirzapur	CSE
8	Uttar Pradesh	Ramnagar, Dist Varanasi	CSE
9	Uttar Pradesh	Ganga Ghat, Dist Unnao	CSE
10	Uttar Pradesh	Bijnore, Dist Bijnore	CSE
11	Uttar Pradesh	Agra, Dist Agra	
12	Bihar	Bhagalpur, Dist Bhagalpur	NIUA
13	Bihar	Hajipur, Dist Vaishali	NIUA

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14	Bihar	Muzaffarpur, Dist Muzaffarpur	CSE
15	Bihar	Katihar, Dist Katihar	CSE
16	Bihar	Buxar, Dist Buxar	CSE
17	Bihar	Bodh Gaya, Dist Gaya	CSE
18	West Bengal	Bansberia, Dist Hugli	CSE
19	West Bengal	Bongaon, Dist North 24 Parganas	CSE
20	West Bengal	Darjeeling, Dist Darjeeling	CSE
21	Tamil Nadu	Tiruchirapalli	CSE
22	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	CSE
23	Madhya Pradesh	Dewas	CSE
24	Mizoram	Aizawl	CSE
25	Rajasthan	Bikaner	CSE
26	Odisha	Cuttack	CSE
27	Karnataka	Tumkur	CSE
28	Delhi	Delhi	CSE
29	Maharashtra	Solapur	CSE

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5. The scope of work of CSE and NIUA would be to help the towns/cities in capacity building for FSM apart from support to identify the technology and need for FSM in their area, support in selection of consultant for preparation of DPR, and Transaction Advisory Support for selection of private partner to operate the FSM facility. They may also support the city in other FSM related aspects such as behaviour change, regulatory changes etc.

6. I request you to kindly issue instructions to the concerned officers/ municipal commissioners to get in touch with CSE/NIUA at the earliest, and to work closely with them in order to fully leverage their significant expertise in this area. They may reach out to me in case any clarifications are required.

In anticipation of your kind support.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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