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सांख्यिकी एवं कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय और
रक्षा राज्य मंत्री
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली—110001
Minister of State (Independent Charge) for
Ministry of Planning
Ministry of Statistics and
Programme Implementation and
Minister of State for Defence
Government of India, New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address to the nation on the occasion of the 68th Independence Day on 15th August 2014 had inter alia said the following:

"I want to make a beginning today itself and that is — all schools in the country should have toilets with separate toilets for girls. Only then our daughters will not be compelled to leave schools midway. Our parliamentarians utilizing MPLAD fund are there. I appeal to them to spend it for constructing toilets in schools for a year. The Government should utilize its budget on providing toilets. I call upon the corporate sector also to give priority to the provision of toilets in schools with your expenditure under Corporate Social Responsibility."

2. As you are aware, construction of toilets at public places and in schools/educational institutions is permitted under the MPLADS. Construction of toilets in schools/educational institutions run by trusts and societies, where funds are given for infrastructure and public utility building works under para 3.21 of the guidelines, is also permitted. Further, bio-digesters developed by DRDO are permissible in schools belonging to Central, State and Local Self Government (para 3.39 of the guidelines). In addition, MPLADS funds can be converged with Central and State Government schemes and can also be used to augment funds against Central plus State share in Centrally- sponsored Schemes (paras 3.17 and 3.18 of the guidelines).

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3. In light of the above, I would like to make the request that the highest priority may kindly be given to construction of toilets in schools during the next one year.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Inderjit Singh)

All Hon'ble Members of Parliament Copy to:

(1) All District Authorities, MPLADS.

District Authorities are requested that whenever any infrastructure for schools/educational institutions is recommended under MPLADS, it should be ensured that the proposal invariably contains the requisite number of toilets.

In case of co-educational schools/educational institutions, there should be separate toilets for girls.

Infrastructure for schools/educational institutions should be sanctioned under MPLADS only and only after ensuring the availability of requisite number of toilets in that school/educational institution.

Further, the use of bio-digester toilets should also be adopted, wherever feasible and appropriate.

In addition, list of schools without toilets, as well as list of coeducational schools without separate toilets for girls, may be prepared and made available immediately to the Hon'ble MPs for their reference and use.

(2). The Secretaries, Nodal Departments dealing with MPLADS (All States / UTs).

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