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**Dear Sir/ Madam,**

As you are aware, the main components of the Swachh Bharat Mission(Urban) are construction of Individual Household Latrines(IHHL), construction of Community & Public toilets and Solid Waste Management in municipal areas. For implementing these components, it has been seen that many cities have engaged self-help groups and slum level federations formed under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) in a very successful manner. Looking at their success, I urge upon you to motivate your Cities/Towns to dovetail NULM scheme with Swachh Bharat Mission. Following are the areas where the dovetailing has been successfully implemented in a few cities:-

- (i) Construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL):
  - (a) Providing soft loan to the beneficiaries: In many cases, the beneficiary wants to construct a toilet of own choice & design which costs more than the estimated norms, the self-help groups/ slum level federations provide soft loan to the group members for the additional cost.
  - (b) In many cities the construction of IHHLs has been

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entrusted to civil construction agencies/civil contractors but in a few cities, these responsibilities have been taken up by self-help groups/slum federations.

- (ii) Construction of Community & Public Toilets:
- (a) The responsibility of construction and maintenance of Community/Public Toilets has been handed over to self-help groups. As many of such Toilet complexes are now managed on PPP basis, municipalities are encouraging banks to provide loan to self-help groups.
- (iii) Solid Waste Management:
- (a) The self-help groups are given the responsibility of door to door collection of garbage in many municipalities.

Keeping the above experiences in mind, I request you to direct the Municipal Commissioners concerned of your State/UT to encourage participation of self-help groups by dovetailing NULM programme with Swachh Bharat Mission.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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