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Dear Ms Verma,

As you are aware, Anganwadi centres are critical to the public healthcare system and, consequently, have a major role to play in the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin). To accelerate the progress of SBM-G through the Anganwadi system, States are trying to meet their goal of enhanced sanitation services that are affordable and accessible for the local population. In addition, the increased Fourteenth Finance Commission grants are available with the Gram Panchayats and can be used for construction and maintenance of toilets in Anganwadis in rural areas.

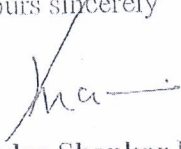
Therefore, it is recommended that the State government prioritise the construction of toilets in Anganwadis and ensure that the toilets are regularly cleaned and maintained. Gram Panchayats must make efforts to construct toilets in the new Anganwadis using the Fourteenth Finance Commission grants or their own funds.

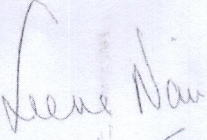
To ensure the timely completion of the task, it is recommended that implementation plans along with clear timelines may be drawn up by nodal officers in-charge of Women and Child Development, Rural Development, Sanitation and Panchayati Raj. The implementation plans may be shared with the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj by 31st May 2017.

With regards

Yours sincerely


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