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No. 17662/SME  
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To

All Directors  
All Collectors  
All DEOs  
All D.P.Cs

**Sub:- Functionality and maintenance of sanitation and hygiene facility in school as priority.**

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Sir/Madam,

As you know, providing better sanitation and hygiene facility in schools has been our priority. Functionality and maintenance of sanitation and hygiene facilities in schools is a critical issue which has greater impact on quality and retention. Though there have been several directions issued from time to time by the Department, these basic facilities are not provided in a time bound manner. It has been clearly indicated to utilize the funds available at school level for the purpose under SSA/RMSA. The effectiveness has been far from satisfactory. In rural areas, funds have also been allocated for drinking water and sanitation under RWSS schemes. The convergence with such programmes have to be effectively made at the district level so that the benefits will reach out to the students.

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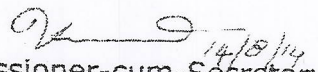
In this background, I am to communicate that in current year it has been decided to focus on ensuring sanitation and hygiene facilities at schools.

You are hereby requested to take necessary steps to ensure the effective sanitation and hygiene facilities in schools without fail. The School Improvement Grant (SIG)/School Maintenance Grant under SSA and Annual School Grant under RMSA to be utilized for this purpose on priority basis. The suggestive activities under these grants include ensuring drinking water facility, keeping the toilets clean, utilizing disinfectant on daily basis, soap/hand wash etc. The grant available at School level under these heads can be used up to 50% for the purpose of sanitation and hygiene. However, within the next 30 days, the toilet facilities should be made functional for the use of students. Any structural repair needed should be taken up under the supervision of the Technical Consultant of SSA. The content of this letter has to be communicated to all the SMC members SMDC Members (Odia copy is enclosed).

From 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2014 there will be a campaign for verifying the school sanitation by officials of the Department to monitor the implementation of sanitation and hygiene facilities at schools.

This should be treated as 'Most Urgent'.

Yours faithfully,

  
14/8/14  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary