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From,

Balamurugan D., IAS,
Chief Executive Officer-Cum- Mission Director.

To,

All District Magistrate -cum-Chairman,
District Water and Sanitation Committee, Bihar

Sub: **Regarding providing support to Independent Verification Agency for conducting NARSS in ODF and Non-ODF GPs.**

Ref: J.S MoDWS Letter No. S- I 8020/302/2018-SBM-Part (3) dated 21.11.17

Sir/Madam,

With regard to the above subject and reference letter, this is to inform you that the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has accorded two Independent Verification Agencies (IVA) to conduct the **National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS)** for assessing the progress on key sanitation outcomes such as reducing open defecation, sustaining ODF and Solid Liquid Waste Management in Gram Panchayats with the aim to reward the performance of states on the same.

The IVAs will be conducting NARSS in Gram Panchayats declared ODF before 30th June, 2017 and in non-ODF GPs to form the basis on which the MoDWS shall release grants for the next financial year.

The agencies shall be conducting the survey in randomly selected villages. Thus, it is requested to all districts to support the IVAs in their survey as well as ensure the all declared Gram Panchayats are maintaining their ODF status.

Yours faithfully,


(Balamurugan D.)

Copy to: All Deputy Development Commissioner cum vice chairman, District Water and Sanitation Committee, for information and necessary action.

Copy to: Secretary, Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar, Patna for information.