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भारत सरकार/Government of India जल शक्ति मंत्रालय/Ministry of Jal Shakti

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग/Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation स्वच्छ भारत मिशन (ग्रामीण)/Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)

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To,

Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, In-charge of rural sanitation, All States/UTs

Subject: Clarification regarding purchase of motorised vehicles for transportation of solid wastes collected from households to the village level collection/segregation centre, using SBM(G) funds – reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Para 15.2 of the SBM(G) Phase-II Guidelines regarding use of SBM(G) funds, inter alia, for transportation of waste collected from households to the village level collection/segregation centre, wherein it is mentioned as "Purchase of tri-cycles/battery vehicles for transportation of wastes from households to village level collection/segregation centre".

- 2. In this regard, some States have made references to this Department stating that they are facing practical challenges in transporting the solid waste collected from households in the villages with difficult terrains and peri-urban villages with huge quantity of waste, through tricycles/battery vehicles, and requested to allow purchase of motorized vehicles for the purpose for such villages.
- 3. In view of this, it is clarified that if due to local conditions/requirements in some specific villages/GPs such as with difficult terrains, peri-urban areas with huge quantity of waste, etc, where collection of waste from households and its transportation to the collection/segregation centre through tri-cycles/battery vehicles is not feasible, motorized vehicles as per the ground requirements can be purchased for such villages/GPs. However, for this purpose, SBM(G) funds can be used upto the prescribed funding norms for the village/GP for Solid Waste Management as given in SBM(G) Phase-II Guidelines, and additional funds requirement, if any, will be met by the State Government from its own sources. It is further clarified that based on requirement, the vehicle can also be purchased for group of villages by clubbing the funds for each such village.

Yours faithfully,

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