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Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation  
Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)

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To,

The Principal Secretary /Secretary,  
(In-charge of Rural Sanitation)  
All States / UTs

**Sub: Clarification on Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) implementation – Regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to say that some States such as Rajasthan have asked the Ministry whether incentive amount under SBM(G) can be extended to those households living in grassland, savaichak land, forest land, Govt. land etc. for construction of toilets.

2. The matter has been examined. It is clarified that the State/Districts are competent to identify the beneficiaries eligible for incentive as per the SBM(G) guidelines. The guidelines do not make any distinction on the basis of place of stay of the person, since the programme focuses at achievement of complete open defecation free communities and provision of access to safe sanitation to all. States may therefore take appropriate decision at their end, also keeping in view the provision of other statutes. It is clarified that toilets should be provided to people staying on encroached lands under SBM(G), the same will be delinked from any form of tenure security or right of title on such land.

Yours faithfully,



(Sunil Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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