No.SM-1/2013-RDD (NBA)-
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Rural Development Department

From
The Pr. Secretary (RD)
to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

To
All the Project Directors (DRDAs),
in Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: Shimla-9 December, 2013

Subject: Modification in Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) Guidelines including activities related to Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) as a permissible activity.

Sir/Madam,

On the subject mentioned above, please find enclosed herewith a copy of Office Memorandum No. W.11013/16/2013-NBA (Part) dated 10.12.2013 received from the Joint Secretary (Sanitation), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Govt. of India for information and further necessary action.

Encl. As above

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary (RD)
to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

Copy to:
All the Deputy Directors cum-POs (DRDAs) in Himachal Pradesh for necessary action.

Deputy Secretary (RD)
to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan
Subject: Modification in Nirmal Bharat Abhiya (NBA) Guidelines including activities related to Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) as a permissible activity.

The Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) Guidelines are hereby modified so as to include provision of activities related Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM). Paragraphs 5.2.2 and 5.9.1 have been amended and new Paragraph 5.2.9 added to the Guidelines as described below:

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<td>Para 5.2.2</td>
<td>Para 5.2.2  A National communication strategy frame work has been developed by Government of India giving emphasis on Inter Personal Communication (IPC) at the grassroots level. The states are to evolve their own strategy using folk media, mass media and also outdoor media like wall painting, hoarding etc. The IEC should focus on health and hygiene practices such as washing hands with soap and water at critical times, proper menstrual hygiene and environmental sanitation aspects.</td>
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It is requested that above mentioned modifications in NBA guidelines and NGP guidelines may be noted and may be brought to the notice of all concerned for implementation.

(Saraswati Prasad)
Joint Secretary (Sanitation)

To,

1. The Principal Secretary /Secretary (In-charge of Rural Sanitation) all States / UTs
2. All NBA State Coordinators

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development
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3. Secretary, Ministry of Housing & UPA
4. Secretary, Planning Commission
5. Secretary, Rural Development
6. Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest
7. Secretary, Panchayati Raj
8. Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat

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