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**Sub: Inspection of PMGSY projects by State Quality Monitor (SQM) during FY- 2017-18.**

**Dear**

As you are aware, consequent to the review of PMGSY targets by NITI Aayog and the PMO for the year 2017-18, the SQM inspection targets were revised and communicated to all States by Director Projects-III NRRDA vide communication dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2107. A total target of 35217 SQM inspections for all States were finalised based on a uniform criteria, which took into account the arrear SQM inspections for recently completed and ongoing projects as also number of projects sanctioned to the State, during 2016-17. The quarterly and monthly targets for SQM inspections were also worked out by NRRDA and communicated to States by Director Projects-III vide communication dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Both these communications are available in the circular section of programme website at [www.pmgys.nic.in](http://www.pmgys.nic.in).

2. The progress made by States in this regard was recently reviewed at NRRDA level. It emerged that for the State of \*\_\_\_\_\_ a total target of \*\_\_\_\_\_ SQM inspections have been aimed for the current financial year. Against a target of \*\_\_\_\_\_ SQM inspections in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (April-June 2017), \*\_\_\_\_\_ SQM inspections have been reported in OMMAS, which is appreciated.

3. You would also agree that besides getting each work inspected by SQMs for a minimum of three times during its execution, it is equally important that these SQM inspections are detailed and intense in nature and specifically suggest the steps to be taken by PIU to improve the quality of the work at that stage. It has been observed that in the States where the SQM inspections are rigorous leading to higher percentage of "unsatisfactory" grading of works, the corresponding percentage of "unsatisfactory" graded works by NQMs, in those States are comparatively on the lower side. This would eventually help in achieving the target of having "unsatisfactory" percentage of completed projects to be less than 05 percent, as rated by NQM, at the national level, in the current financial year.

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4. Our past experience has also demonstrated that significant numbers of SQM inspections in many States were superficial in nature and many of the SQMs lacked the elementary understanding of engineering practices. NRRDA has, therefore, undertaken an exercise to impart orientation training to the SQMs in the States during April-June, 2017. Most of the States have been covered under the programme and in the remaining States, the SQM training programmes would be organised after the ongoing monsoon session of the Parliament. I would request you to carry out such orientation programmes periodically for the SQMs of your State and also ensure that the performance of SQMs is evaluated through the performance evaluation committee at every six months, as prescribed by NRRDA.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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To:

Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of the Nodel department handling PMGSY in the States of: Assam, Chhattisgarh, H.P, J&K, JH, Kerala, MP, MN, Mizoram, OD, TN, U.P, UK & W.B.

S.No.	State	No. of SQM empanelled	SQM Target for 2017-18	1st Quarter Target	Inspection conducted by SQM during Apr-Jun,2017
1	Assam	37	1555	380	426
2	Chhattisgarh	25	845	210	291
3	Himachal Pradesh	26	835	190	196
4	Jammu & Kashmir	17	746	180	228
5	Jharkhand	44	3069	720	759
6	Kerala	10	182	35	257
7	Madhya Pradesh	67	5169	1300	1598
8	Manipur	14	301	60	77
9	Mizoram	10	52	9	12
10	Odisha	42	3067	540	1018
11	Tamilnadu	16	1947	290	457
12	Uttar Pradesh	36	952	175	1154
13	Uttarakhand	22	363	45	198
14	West Bengal	32	1003	360	611