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D.O. No. 2/1/2023-SBM-SPC

Dated: 19th December, 2024

Dear Chief Secretary

As you are aware GOBARdhan is a major initiative of Government of India, aimed at converting biodegradable/ organic waste, including cattle dung and agricultural residues and other biomass, into valuable resources such as biogas, compressed biogas (CBG), and organic manure and to promote circular economy through "Whole of Government" approach. As announced in the budget for 2023-24, the target is to implement 75 CBG plants in urban areas. In this regard vide D.O. No.2/1/2023-SBM-IV/SPC(Pt.) dated 10th October 2024 (copy enclosed), States were requested to facilitated fast tracking of the implementation of CBG plants.

2. At present, there are 83 MSW based CBG plants of 10,500 TPD waste processing capacity in different stages of implementation approved under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 and State funding. Additionally, Oil & Gas Marketing Companies (OGMCs) under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), GoI, are setting up 35 MSW based CBG plants.

3. In order to make mutually beneficial partnership with OGMCs and expedite the GOBARdhan projects, States are requested to facilitate by providing the following support:

- i. Considering the priority of the work, the natural linkages of OGMCs in the sector for off-take of the gas and the CAPEX being brought in by the OGMCs, the work for setting up of the CBG plants may be given to the OGMCs on nomination basis who thereafter follow the appropriate procedure for project execution.
- ii. Uninterrupted supply of segregated organic municipal waste should be ensured. Mixing of feedstock such as cow dung, agri residue etc. must be allowed in the CBG plants to enhance the overall yield of CBG.
- iii. Once a plant is approved in a particular geographical area, its cluster/ catchment should be defined by Govt orders so that all organic waste of that area serves as feed for the project.
- iv. Royalty payment must not be emphasized as these projects are being set up with the primary focus of scientific waste management and not revenue generation of ULBs. The same has also been removed from the has been removed from the model tender documents shared by MoHUA. Necessary advisory may be provided to the State teams and ULBs.

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- v. Land should be provided on nominal lease rate as these projects are major interventions for scientific waste management and public & environmental health. The land allotted for these projects must be carefully identified keeping in view the suitability, gas pipeline network for ease of offtake, suitability of waste transport from the feeder area from the cluster to the project site.
- vi. Connectivity infrastructure such as road, power, water supply and sewerage to the plant site must be provided from govt cost.
- vii. VGF, as per requirement may be sought for bio-cng projects based on MSW from SBM-U 2.0.
- viii. Additional projects may also be planned over and above what has already been sanctioned with a perspective to effectively handle the organic waste emerging from urban, peri-urban and rural areas.

I request you to issue necessary instructions in this matter and also take a review of all GOBARdhan projects (urban and rural) to provide necessary guidance to expedite the projects. This is being regularly reviewed by the Cabinet Secretary and the Prime Minister's Office.

Yours Sincerely,


(Srinivas Katikithala)

To

Chief Secretaries of All States