The commendation award would continue for facilities scoring >70%. No modifications is proposed for award initiative in respect of CHCs.

- (iii) The cost norms communicated vide letter of even number dated 16th January, 2016 is equally applicable to CHCs.
- (iv) To provide a level playing field and also ensure that the winners do not get complacent and the swachhta initiative is sustained, w.e.f 2016-17 one additional criterion would be applicable for winner District Hospital, namely, "the winner District Hospitals show improvement in scores by at least 5% from previous year scores". If the winner district hospital does not meet the said criterion, then it would only receive the commendation award subject to it meeting score of >70%.
- (v) Suggestions have been received for adding awards to facilities that have displayed significant improvement. While it has been decided not to incorporate this suggestion in the award scheme at the national level, States have the flexibility to give such awards if they deem appropriate.
- (vi) All eligible States would be required to document before and after process and share videos and (High Definition) photographs with GOI.

All States are requested to send proposals for 2016-17 accordingly.

With regard,

Yours Sincerely,

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