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Dear Chief Secretary / Administrator,

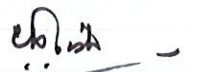
Please recall my earlier letter dated 21st January 2019 wherein the need to combat plastic pollution was emphasized. I had enclosed the Guidelines for limiting the use of plastics, achieving its segregation from other wastes, collection and disposal as an urgent need of the times. I am happy to note that over the past one year, the level of general awareness in public and corporates on this subject has much increased. There is now a need to take it to a new level and ensure that by 2022, we eliminate single use plastic from our society.

Hon'ble Prime Minister has made a call upon all the citizens in his 73rd Independence Day address to curb single use plastic. It is in this direction that the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation is launching a nationwide campaign during the period 11th September, 2019 to 27th October, 2019 to collect plastic waste and dispose it in a sustainable manner. I would like to reiterate the strategy that was detailed in the above-mentioned Guidelines (copy enclosed) which would help in the achievement of the goals of the national campaign. As you would notice, the strategy outlined in the Guidelines offer a roadmap which includes all the stakeholders, namely, consumers, manufacturers, local bodies and institutions including Government and public-sector undertakings, to contribute meaningfully to the national mission.

I take this opportunity to emphasize that it would be difficult to achieve the goal of collection and disposal of plastic wastes without addressing the larger issue of solid waste, particularly segregation of waste. The origin of the two kinds of waste lie commonly at the consumption end-households, commercial establishments and institutions. The Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016 enjoin upon the waste generators to collect and segregate the two wastes so that they can be disposed of or reused. The role of local bodies will also be important. I call upon the State Governments to take up the issue of waste handling on top priority and help in the success of the national campaign devoted to plastic waste in the months of September-October, 2019.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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