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Ch. Banu,

During the PRC meeting at Delhi on 17-18th November, 2011, the progress of mobilization of Bharat Nirman Volunteers under Lab-to-Land Initiative was reviewed. Considering the positive outcomes of the Initiative, it was decided to scale up the initiative to cover all Gram Panchayats in accordance with the numbers enclosed. States may accordingly take the following actions:

- i. Issue directives to the Districts/Blocks for scaling up the Initiative and providing administrative support to BNVs/Gram Sabha in formulation, implementation and audit of village development plans out of ongoing flagship programmes of Government.
 - ii. Issue direction to Districts/Blocks for use of administrative component of the budgets of ongoing flagship programmes for training of volunteers and scaling up the initiative in line with Ministry's circular dated 14.7.11.
 - iii. Organize a one day State level Orientation workshop for all District Collectors or equivalent officers and select BDOs and equivalent officers for consultation and formulation of plan for scaling up.
 - iv. Identify and develop Resource Persons/Institutions for imparting training to Volunteers in new Panchayats.
 - v. Depute concerned District and Block level officials to participate in bimonthly National Colloquium of States on Lab-to Land Initiative for exposure to best practices in other States (Rajasthan model being notable & enclosed)
 - vi. Upload profiles of BNVs on ruraldiksha.nic.in along with photographs.
 - vii. Build partnerships among the Line Departments, PRIs and BNVs so that a win-win situation emerges for all.
 - viii. BNVs may act as motivators, facilitators and vigilante to activate Gram Sabhas and in particular facilitate micro-planning, social audit, grievance redressal, validation of SECC/BPL data.
 - ix. Ensure mobilization of at least 1000 BNVs in each IAP District.
2. Ministry's portal (ruraldiksha.nic.in) provides facility for **free transmission of SMS among officials and BNVs**. For this purpose the names, cell numbers and email addresses of the officials need to be provided to the Ministry (madhuri@nic.in or ejjose@gmail.com). This will facilitate laying a robust electronic network for connecting Government and people in rural areas.

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3. The next National Colloquium will be held at Aurangabad, Maharashtra between 17-19th January 2012. I shall greatly appreciate if you may send the District and Block level officials to attend the Colloquium for taking the Initiative forward. Please send confirmation of the participants to ejjose@gmail.com.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

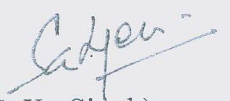

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