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Ministry of Rural Development
Deptt. of Rural Development
Government of India
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 114

D.O. No J-12011/1/11-Trg.

Dated : 25th August, 2011

Dear Smt. C.T. Manimekalai,

Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has developed a cadre of Bharat Nirman Volunteers through the State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Tamil Nadu to assist the District Administration in preparation of village development plans in a convergence framework, and facilitate execution, monitoring and social audit of the programmes through effective Gram Sabhas. They will act as eyes and ears of district administration, strengthen the public service delivery mechanism and bring government to the doorstep of the people.

2. The initiative has been launched in a few villages to achieve focus and coordination. The coverage will be expanded to include all the villages in your district in stages. Database of the volunteers along with the mobile numbers are already available on *ruraldiksha.nic.in* with facility to send free SMS to the volunteers. The Line Departments including Revenue, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Industries, Rural Development, Forests, Irrigation, Electricity, Health, Education, Roads, etc. can take advantage of the services of the volunteers to prepare village development plans and ensure their proper implementation.

3. I have requested the representatives of State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Tamil Nadu to brief you about the achievements so far and develop a plan of action for taking the initiative forward in consultation with the Line Departments under your overall leadership. The strategy document on Bharat Nirman Volunteers of Government of India containing the roles of the volunteers and the instruction from Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of India is enclosed for your reference.

4. An objective performance measurement system has been put in place to award good performing Districts at the national level every year. I hope that you will find the initiative useful in connecting with the people in your district and will look forward to your comments and action taken report in this regard.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
(Niten Chandra)

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Encl: As above

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