No F.11042/60/2012-CRSP Government of India Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation NBA Division

12th Floor, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi – 110003 Date: 20.8.2013

To,

All Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries In-charge of Rural Sanitation

Subject: Participation in South Asia Conference on Sanitation SACOSAN V to be held at Nepal from 22nd to 24th October, 2013

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the South Asian Conferences on Sanitation (SACOSANs) have been a platform for the Governments, practitioners and professional agencies and Civil Societies to engage in constructive dialogue for collective effort to foster regional collaboration in pursuit of meeting the sanitation challenge in the region.

The first South Asian Conference on Sanitation was held in Bangladesh in 2003, with subsequent conferences hosted by Pakistan (2006), India (2008) and Sri Lanka (2011). The Government of Nepal is organizing the 5th SACOSAN conference in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 22nd October to 24th October 2013 at Hotel Yak and Yeti. The Conference is being organized in close cooperation with the SACOSAN Inter-Country Working Group, consisting of sanitation focal person from all member countries.

India is requested to send a delegation to SACOSAN V to be held in Kathmandu from 22nd to 24th October, 2013. The Indian delegation is to consist of officials from Government of India, some State Governments representing PRIs and also some good NGOs.

You are accordingly requested to send the names of Government Officials, Gram Panchayat Presidents and good NGOs (one Government Officer, one Gram Panchayat President and one representative form NGO), significantly associated in the promotion of sanitation in your state, for consideration of inclusion in the Indian delegation.

It is further stated that the travel cost from Delhi to Kathmandu and back and boarding & lodging arrangements for the selected delegates would be borne by Support agencies/

Regional partners (WSP/WB, UNICEF, Water Aid etc). However, as the numbers of Slots are limited, it must be understood that the Government of India will take a final decision on the inclusion of persons nominated by you, in the Indian delegation.

You are, therefore, requested to send the nominations for inclusion in the Indian delegation to SACOSAN V <u>latest by 26th August, 2013</u> for further necessary action from this end.

Yours faithfully,

(G. Balasubramanian)

Deputy Adviser (PHE)

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