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Subject: DISHA improving Development Coordination and Monitoring.

Dear Shri Shankar Agarwal,

Kindly refer to this Ministry's letter dated March 22, 2016 requesting for comments on the proposal to set up a District Development and Monitoring Committee known as DISHA and letter dated July 27, 2016 regarding the setting up of the same. DISHA has replaced the earlier District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee. All flagship programmes funded by the Central Government are included in the list of programmes to be monitored and coordinated by DISHA. A copy of the DISHA Guidelines is enclosed again for ready reference. The first meeting of the DISHA Committee under the Chairmanship of Members of Parliament has been held in most of the Districts of the country on August 13, 2016 or on a date thereafter as per the convenience in organising the meeting.

2. The Department of Rural Development has a website for uploading the minutes etc of the DISHA Committee meeting for necessary follow up. Districts have started uploading the minutes on the web portal and the Department of Rural Development is following up with the States for doing so early.

3. In order to enable more meaningful development coordination and monitoring by the DISHA Committee under the Hon'ble Members of Parliament with MLAs, Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha, Municipal and Panchayat body elected representatives etc as members, it is important to identify a few very key progress indicators that need to be monitored at the quarterly DISHA meetings. I would like to request that a set of progress indicators for programmes of your Department may kindly be sent to Dr A Santhosh Mathew, Joint Secretary (Policy, Planning & Monitoring)([email: asmathew@ias.gov.in](mailto:asmathew@ias.gov.in)) so that a comprehensive set of monitorable indicators could be sent to the Districts well before the next meeting scheduled in October. Having clear monitorable indicators will make the DISHA meetings & its follow up more focussed.

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4. For each of the identified monitorable indicators, the electronic data source and means through which it can be aggregated by the DISHA portal needs to be worked out. The objective is to make available to all elected members of the DISHA committee on their tablet/phone, details of constituency wise progress in real time by enabling application programming interfaces (API) in the electronic data bases of each government department. There is a Government of India policy on API's a copy of which is attached. Secretary MeitY has on August 8, 2016 also written to all departments regarding the need to standardise the location codes used in government data bases. A copy of this is also attached. Implementation of the API policy and use of standard location codes will have to be ensured before DISHA meeting can become effective. I therefore seek your cooperation in ensuring the same.

5. It would be useful if a Joint Secretary level officer in your Department could be nominated as the nodal person for DISHA related follow up. Dr A Santhosh Mathew, Joint Secretary (Policy, Planning & Monitoring) is the nodal person in our Department for this task and he will get in touch with your nodal Joint Secretary for necessary follow up on the points listed above.

With personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



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12 September 2016

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