

Separate Note

Progress of Community Sanitation Complexes (CSCs) under SBM(G) Phase-II (Since 2020), Challenges Faced and Way Forward

1. Background

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) Phase-II, Community Sanitation Complexes (CSCs) are being constructed and operationalized to provide safe, hygienic and accessible sanitation facilities at public places and in habitations where individual household toilets are not feasible. Since 2020, the District has undertaken construction and operationalization of CSCs as part of ODF Plus sustainability.

2. Progress Achieved Since 2020

- Need-based identification of locations and construction of CSCs in Gram Panchayats across the District.
- Provision of separate toilet units for men and women, including facilities for Divyangjan.
- Basic amenities such as water supply, electricity, lighting and septic tank/soak pit systems provided in constructed CSCs.
- In several locations, CSCs have been made operational through Gram Panchayats and Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- CSCs have been integrated with ODF Plus initiatives to promote use of community sanitation facilities at markets, bus stands and other public places.

3. Challenges Faced

- Some CSCs are partially functional or non-functional due to inadequate operation and maintenance arrangements.
- Irregular water supply, electricity issues and shortage of sanitation workers at certain locations.
- Limited community ownership and low user footfall in a few CSCs.
- Absence of a sustainable user-charge or revenue collection mechanism.
- Inadequate monitoring and periodic inspection at field level.

4. Way Forward to Ensure Functionality of CSCs

- Block-wise assessment of all CSCs to identify functional, partially functional and non-functional units.
- Immediate rectification of gaps related to water supply, electricity and structural repairs.
- Handing over of CSC operations to Gram Panchayats/SHGs under a defined management framework.
- Strengthening IEC/BCC activities to promote regular usage and community ownership.
- Introduction of a nominal user-charge, wherever feasible, to support routine maintenance.

5. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Arrangements

- Day-to-day operation and cleanliness to be managed by Gram Panchayats or SHGs through designated sanitation workers.
- O&M expenditure to be met through SBM(G) Phase-II funds, Gram Panchayat own resources, user charges and convergence with other schemes.
- Regular monitoring and review by Block and District level officials to ensure continuous functionality.
- Capacity building and refresher training of SHGs and sanitation workers for effective management.

6. Conclusion

With focused efforts on strengthening O&M systems, community participation and regular monitoring, the District aims to ensure that all Community Sanitation Complexes remain fully functional and contribute effectively to sustaining ODF Plus status under SBM(G) Phase-II.



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