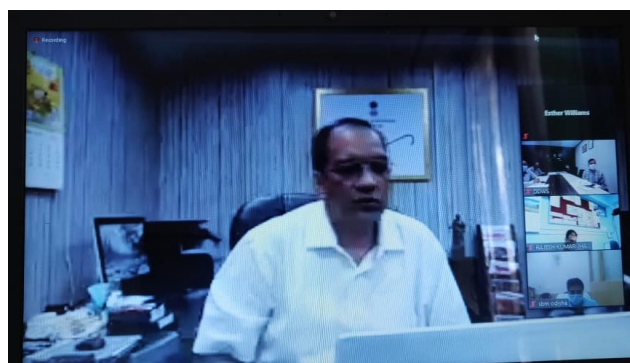


Orientation of SIRDs, training institutions on SBM-G Phase II



The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti held a virtual consultation with State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs) and State Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) teams on September 24, 2020. The objective of the meeting was to enhance capacity building of functionaries at State, District and Gram Panchayat levels for the implementation of SBM-G Phase II.

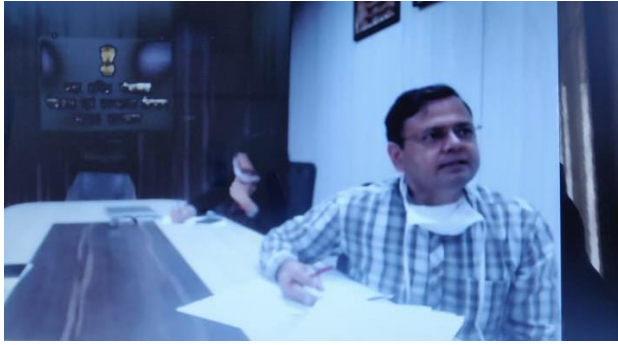
The points of discussion included the adoption of the SBM-G Phase-2 curriculum by SIRD, manpower availability and collaboration with state teams.



In his introductory remarks, Mr. Arun Baroka, Additional Secretary, DDWS, said there was an important role for SIRDs in capacity building of officials and grass root functionaries. They would need to demystify the technology so that people at village level can comprehend it and understand how to use it for the implementation of solid and liquid waste management projects to bring about ODF (open defecation free) Plus and visual cleanliness to villages.

On its part, the DDWS is in the process of bringing out new manuals and tool kits that will assist in orienting field staff.

During his presentation, Mr. Baroka emphasised that training and capacity building become particularly important at GP level. He touched upon the funding norms and when a village can be declared ODF Plus, highlighting the checklist that needs to be fulfilled, as described in the SBM-G Phase II guidelines.



Mr. Yugal Joshi, Director, SBM-G moderated the proceedings thereafter requesting States to present their perspectives on 5 key points: Priorities of SBM-G Phase II; collaboration between State and SIRD in Phase II of SBM-G; Models followed by SIRD; funding that is available for capacity building and

behaviour change; and calendar incorporating capacity building in Phase II of SBM-G.

State SIRD Directors and State Coordinators detailed their activities pertaining to ODF Plus and capacity building in particular and expressed their need for further capacity building.