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Dear Director (i/c)

Subject: Support for convergent Planning and implementation of Rural Development Programmes under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA).

Department of Higher Education had launched the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) on the National Education Day, 2014. The programme provided for partnerships of higher education institutes of excellence with rural areas to improve the wellbeing and quality of lives of the people living there.

To address poverty in rural areas, the Department of Rural Development has started the process of convergent planning starting with 2532 Extremely Backward Blocks of the country. We hope to launch the planning process through the Gram Sabha meetings on 2nd of October, 2015. The detailed planning framework is available in the What's New Section of website www.nregs.nic.in commonly known as MGNREGA site. We will be providing for a facilitation team at the Panchayat level to develop a detailed livelihood plan for households in all these 2532 blocks in partnership with States. The planning process is led by the States and they will prepare a detailed Gram Panchayat Plan, Block Plan, District Plan and the State level Rural Development Plan which will be appraised at the National level. The intention is to ensure convergent action on multi-dimensions of poverty to make a change in the lives of poor people. Programmes for Housing, Wage Employment, Skill Development for livelihood promotion are all being planned together to enable greater impact.

As part of the UBA initiative, I would like to extend a sincere invitation to each of the institutions to join State Governments and their local level formations in this process of convergent planning and implementation of Rural Development initiatives in selected areas. Your professional guidance will go a long way in improving the quality of implementation of Rural Development Programmes. You can get in touch with Principal Secretaries of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development in the States or with District and Block level teams as per the convenience of your team.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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