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To

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal.

Subject: Development of Model villages in border areas under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP)- Guidelines regarding.

Sir,

I am directed forward a copy of concept note on development of Model/Smart Villages in border areas under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP). Development of Model village in border areas has been one of the activities under the BADP. Some of the States implementing BADP have utilized BADP funds on development of Model villages in border areas, which have been appreciated by the border population.

2. Villages in border areas do not have sufficient basic infrastructure and facilities for sustainable livelihood. People migrate to the developed/developing areas in search of employment and economic activities beside better quality of life. Some of the reasons due to which need for development of Model/Smart villages has been felt are given below:

- (i) Thinning of the population in border areas.
- (ii) Need for better connectivity of the villages located in border areas;
- (iii) Need for better food security to the people living in border villages;
- (iv) Concern over electric power supply;
- (v) Need for better Telecommunication facilities;
- (vi) Need for better civic infrastructure such as health, education, water supply and sanitation;
- (vii) Need for more avenues for sustainable livelihood and employment.

3. The idea of development of Model village/Smart village by making preferably a cluster of villages around a nucleus village and connecting these surrounding villages by all weather roads may, therefore, be encouraged.

