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I am grateful for your efforts in the past years in organizing a successful Survey under Mission Antyodaya and appreciate the progress made on Mission Antyodaya Survey (MAS), 2020 so far. It is heartening to inform that in 76 per cent of Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country the MA Survey 2020 has been completed till date. Both data validation and verification processes have been carried over in 38 per cent GPs. Geo-referencing of selected assets, a new feature of this year MA Survey, however, has been advancing slowly; at all India level only 7 per cent has successfully undertaken this process so far.

- 2. As you would appreciate the timely completion of MA Survey, 2020 is critical for undertaking the ranking of Gram Panchayats in the country as well as enabling GPs to formulate their respective GPDPs. Most importantly, you may also recognize that, how valuable the completed dataset of MA Survey 2020 is for Local Self Governments in orde to prepare block and district plans besides GP-level plans, one of the major recommendations of 15th Finance Commission. Further, the new feature of Geo-referencing would further add to the authenticity of the data collected.
- 3. In this context, your kind intervention is valued considerably to expedite the MA Survey process, including Geo-referencing, in your State/ UT. You may also kindly intimate those impediments, where the Ministry's involvement is essential for resolution, at the earliest.

Looking forward for your continued engagement and co-operation

Yours sincerely

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