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As you are aware, the Aspirational Districts Programme launched by the Hon’ble Prime Minister aims at rapid transformation of 117 least developed districts spread across 28 states. Agriculture & Water Resources is one of the important sectors in the Aspirational Districts Programme and our engagement with knowledge partners has proved enriching for the improvement of various key performance indicators in these districts, besides focused interventions from the participating Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

In this regard, I would like to congratulate you, Director, National Bureau of Soil Sciences and Land Use Planning (NBSS & LUP), Nagpur and entire team, for bringing out the publication “Sustainable Agriculture Land Use Planning in 27 Aspirational districts of India”. It offers a complete solution with GIS maps for arresting/ reversing land degradation and provides tools for developing climate resilient agriculture for each of these districts. I am confident that this outstanding publication will be of immense utility to the District Collectors in transforming the agriculture landscape of the district.

Moving forward, I would like to request NBSS & LUP to carry out the exercise in the remaining 85 Aspirational Districts at the earliest. In the meantime, NBSS & LUP may share the data of 27 districts for uploading in our Dashboard and undertake hands-on training to the district officers concerned on the tool for effective implementation of the recommendations. From NITI, Shri Rama Kamaraju, Sr. Consultant ( +919560184477, rama.kamaraju@nic.in) & Dr. Shwetal P Wankhade, RA (+919971562432) will be coordinating these activities.

Yours sincerely,
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