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Government of India
Ministry of Panchayati Raj**

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Subject: Identification of Themes to carry out Action Research and Research Studies for the year 2019-20.

Ministry of Panchayati Raj has the primary objective of implementation of Part IX of the Constitution, as envisaged in the 73rd Amendment, Panchayats in Fifth Schedule Areas and District Planning Committees. Since in the Constitution, most of the actions including framing of laws rests with the State Government, the Ministry strives to reach its goals with regard to improvements in the functioning of Panchayats through policy interventions, advocacy, persuasion through implementation of scheme, financial support under Central grants etc.

2. The Ministry has also been mandated inter alia with the responsibility to support the States in ensuring decentralized planning, effective service delivery and accountable governance through capacity building. Due to availability of funds with the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the wake of the award of the 14th Finance Commission, the GPs will have to perform well in various diversified fields. Further, a number of best practices will have to be identified through evidence based research studies. Towards achieving this, the State level institutions and others will have to take a lead to suggest and conduct the research in certain focused areas.

3. Presently the Ministry is in the process of working out an action research strategy which is aimed to provide quality inputs to PRIs to enable them to meet the new emerging challenges. Therefore, suggestions are invited to suggest relevant themes / subjects related to the Panchayati Raj Institutions for carrying out the action research & research studies during the current financial year. It is also requested that a short synopsis on the suggested themes may also be provided.

5. The information may be provided to the Action Research & Research Studies (AR&RS) Division, Ministry of Panchayati Raj latest by **30th April, 2019**, on the email IDs “us.brgf-mopr@nic.in” and “av.singh@nic.in”.



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