

## Ministry Panchayati Raj

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is responsible for the work of advocacy, monitoring and implementation of Constitution 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment. The role of the MoPR involves strengthening the administrative infrastructure, basic services etc. by leveraging technology and capacity building of the functionaries of Rural Local Body (RLB). Ministry's roadmap to realise the above objective is through three pillars:

- Provision of basic services through the Finance Commission Funding,
- Capacity building of RLBs through Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) and
- Convergent & holistic planning through inclusive & participatory process through Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) and advocacy work

### Summary on Major achievements, significant developments and important events of MoPR for the month of December, 2019

1. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is mandated to recommend release of Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) grants to Rural Local Bodies, as per decision taken by Ministry of Finance (MoF). Accordingly, during the month, MoPR has recommended to MoF for release of 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs. 27.815 crore to Manipur and 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.725.65 crore to Tenangana for FY 2019-20. During the month, MoPR has also recommended to MoF for release of Performance Grant for FY 2018-19 of Rs.135.46 crore to Telangana and Rs. 8.46 crore to Tripura. MoF has released 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.27.815 crore to Manipur and 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.725.65 crore to Telangana and Rs.254.155 crore to Uttarakhand for FY 2019-20.

2. The total allocation and release of Basic Grant and Performance Grant under the FFC award as on 31.12.2019 is detailed below:

**(Rs. in crore)**

Sl. No.	Year	Basic Grant		Performance Grant	
		Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release
1.	2015-16	21624.46	21510.46	--	--
2.	2016-17	29942.87	29718.76	3927.65	3499.45
3.	2017-18	34596.26	33575.12	4444.71	1943.55
4.	2018-19	40021.63	37897.41	5047.53	--
5.	2019-20	54077.80	44743.70	6609.33	--
	<b>Total</b>	<b>180263.02</b>	<b>167445.45</b>	<b>20029.22</b>	<b>5443.00</b>

3. Two handholding workshops/training programs on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 with the nodal officers of States/UTs on Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan - Management information system (RGSA-MIS) were organized, wherein handholding support to submit Annual Action Plan and Quarterly Progress Report in the RGSA-MIS were provided to delegates of 10 States/UTs.

4. Under the Incentivization of Panchayats (a central component of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan scheme), as on period ending December 2019, an expenditure of Rs.6.93 crore has been incurred towards the release of award money to Panchayats and other related activities.

5. As a measure towards augmenting transparency and accountability in management of finances available to Panchayats from various sources, MoPR has been rigorously pursuing the States for adoption of Public Financial Management System (PFMS). In this regard, the Ministry has been pursuing the States for closure of account on PRIASoft as well as for Gram Panchayat (GP) registration on PFMS.

- (i) For the year 2018-19, 87% of GPs have closed day book and month books and around 82% of Gram Panchayats have closed their year books.
- (ii) For the current year of 2019-20, 66% of the GPs have closed their month books.
- (iii) 98% of the Gram Panchayats have been mapped with Local Government Directory (LGD) codes on PFMS.

6. 1,13,048 Gram Panchayats have on-boarded PRIASoft-PFMS interface. In addition to this, State specific schemes for the State of Uttar Pradesh have also been on-boarded the PRIASoft-PFMS interface viz. (i) State Finance Commission, (ii) Antyeshti Sthal and (iii) Development of Panchayat Bhawan for carrying out payments on real time basis.

7. A unified portal is being developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj which is a single Application amalgamating the functionalities available in the existing Panchayat Enterprise Suite (PES) Applications. In the first phase, the unified portal shall subsume the applications pertaining to e-Financial Management System (e-FMS) i.e. PlanPlus, ActionSoft, PRIASoft, National Asset Directory (NAD) and AreaProfiler with LGD acting as the underlying Panchayat directory. Remaining PES Applications will be taken in the next phase. This portal is developed with an aim of transitioning to Work Based Accounting, which essentially means tracking every expenditure incurred for each of the activities proposed under the Gram Panchayat Development Plans. With an objective to streamline the current PES Applications and to promote further usage, a Project Monitoring and Steering Committee (PMSC) has been constituted. A meeting of the PMSC was held on December 17, 2019 wherein a demonstration of the portal was showcased to the members.

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