

## 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 October, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs. 272.413 crore to Jammu & Kashmir and Rs. 541.16 crore to Assam for FY 2018-19, and 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs. 816.295 crore to Jharkhand, Rs. 1830.07 crore to Madhya Pradesh, Rs. 1165.665 Crore to Gujarat, Rs. 20.045 crore to Sikkim and Rs. 2029.775 crore to Maharashtra for FY 2019-20. During the month, MoPR has also recommended Performance Grant of Rs. 304.37 crore to West Bengal and Rs. 40.16 crore to Himachal Pradesh for FY 2017-18 and Performance Grant of Rs. 3.37 crore to Goa and Rs. 101.25 crore to Kerala for FY 2018-19.

2. During the month, MoF released 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs. 305.805 crore to Punjab for FY 2016-17 and 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs. 13.365 crore to Goa for FY 2018-19 and 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs. 20.585 crore to Manipur, Rs. 272.413 crore to Jammu & Kashmir and Rs. 541.16 crore to Assam for FY 2018-19 and 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs. 524.265 crore to Haryana, Rs. 1252.274 crore to Karnataka, Rs. 1840.505 crore to Rajasthan, Rs. 45.31 crore to Tripura, Rs. 1194.77 crore to Odisha, Rs. 244.32 crore to Himachal Pradesh, Rs. 542.365 crore to Kerala, Rs. 1851.625 crore to West Bengal, Rs. 1837.35 crore to Bihar, Rs. 4829.735 crore to Uttar Pradesh, Rs. 816.295 crore to Jharkhand and Rs. 1830.07 crore to Madhya Pradesh for FY 2019-20.

3. The total allocation and release of Basic Grant and Performance Grant under the FFC award as on 31.10.2019 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	39812.65	6609.33	--
	<b>Total</b>	<b>180263.02</b>	<b>162514.40</b>	<b>20029.22</b>	<b>5443.00</b>

4. Funds to the tune of Rs.46.27 Crore were released to the states of Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, West Bengal and Sikkim as per the Annual Action Plan (AAP) approved by Central Empowered Committee (CEC) for the year 2019-20 under the scheme of Rastriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan (RGSA) during the month of October, 2019.

5. After extensive preparatory activities for sensitizing the States and other stakeholders through training and workshop, the People's Plan Campaign was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019. The campaign will continue till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 during which structured Gram Sabha meetings are to be held for preparing Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for the next financial year i.e. 2020-21, where frontline officials of all line Departments relating to 29 subjects listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution will make a presentation regarding their Department's activities.

6. A two days regional Workshop on Economic & Social Transformation through GPDP for States of Himalayan region (Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh) was organized at Rishikesh, Uttarakhand on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

7. A two days workshop on Economic & Social Transformation through GPDP in Coastal States and Union Territories (Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, A&N. Islands, Dadar Nagar Haveli, Daman & Div, Ladakh, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry) was organised at Chennai, Tamilnadu on 30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> October ,2019 with focus on GPDP interventions that could be taken-up in different sectors to bring local economic and social transformation in the region, by involving all the stakeholders in the planning process.

8. Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been incentivizing best performing Panchayats/States/UTs under various categories of awards under the scheme of Incentivization of Panchayats. The National Panchayat Awards 2019 function was celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 where the best performing Panchayat/similar level bodies/ States/ UTs were awarded for their performance under various categories. This function was widely publicized at national level and well attended by high level dignitaries and the representatives from various Panchayats across the country. The celebration of the occasion was aimed to highlight the important role of Panchayats in overall governance and development. Details of the awards conferred during the function are as follows:

- Child-friendly Gram Panchayat Award to 22 Gram Panchayats (GPs)/Village Council in 22 States/Union Territory for adopting child-friendly practices.
- e-Panchayat Puraskar to 6 States for promoting e-enablement of PRIs for bringing in efficiency, transparency and accountability in their functioning.
- Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar to 20 GPs in 20 States for their outstanding contribution to the socio-economic development by involving Gram Sabhas.
- Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar to 195 Panchayats (District/Block/Gram) in 24 States in recognition of the good work done for improving delivery of services and public goods. Gram Panchayat Development Plan Award to 3 GPs in 3 States.

9. During the National Panchayat Awards 2019 function held on 23.10.2019 at New Delhi, a Spatial Planning Application namely, "Gram Manchitra" was launched by Shri Narendra

Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Minister of Rural Development, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare & Panchayati Raj.

10. 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 GP registration on PFMS. For the year 2018-19, 78% of Gram Panchayats have closed day book and month books and around 74% of Gram Panchayats have closed their year books. 96% of the Gram Panchayats have been mapped with LGD codes on PFMS. Furthermore, 97,462 Gram Panchayats have on-boarded PRIASoft-PFMS interface.

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