

Ministry Panchayati Raj

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

1. During the month, MoPR has recommended to MoF for release of 2nd instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.11.55 crore to Goa for FY 2017-18 and 1st instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.1165.67 crore to Gujarat, Rs.244.32 crore to Himachal Pradesh, Rs.1251.86 crore to Karnataka, Rs.542.37 crore to Kerala, Rs.1830.07 crore to Madhya Pradesh, Rs.1194.77 crore to Odisha, Rs.45.32 crore to Tripura and Rs.254.16 crore to Uttarakhand for FY 2019-20.
2. During the month, MoF released 2nd instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.203.81 crore to Jammu & Kashmir for FY 2016-17, 1st instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.467.80 crore to Assam for FY 2017-18, 2nd instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.1362.11 crore to Rajasthan and Rs.604.12 crore to Jharkhand for FY 2018-19.
3. The total release of Basic Grant under FFC for the year 2016-17 was Rs.29,412.45 crore against the allocation of Rs.29,942.87 crore. During 2017-18 it is Rs. 32,624.80 crore against the allocation of Rs.34,596.26 crore and it is Rs.35,359.38 crore against the allocation of Rs.40,021.63 crore for the year 2018-19. Release of Performance Grant is Rs.34,99.45 crore against the allocation of Rs.39,27.65 crore for 2016-17 and Rs.1106.90 crore against allocation of Rs.4444.71 crore for the year 2017-18.
4. Presentations were made to the 15th Finance Commission (FC) on 15th April, 2019 on the features of the PRIASoft accounting software and on 26/4/2019 on the overall Memorandum submitted by this Ministry. During the presentations, clarifications were provided to the queries made by the members of 15th FC.
5. A meeting was held at Institute of Economic Growth on 16th April, 2019 to discuss the preparatory plans for carrying out study on Utilization and Impact Evaluation of FFC grants in Selected States.
6. 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 regards, the Ministry has been pursuing the States for

closure of account on PRIASoft for FY 2017-18, GP/vendor registration and for procurement of Digital Signature Certificates. For the year 2017-18, 93% of the Gram Panchayats have closed their account books and 2,29,873 GPs have been registered on PFMS while remaining GPs are in the process of the same. Around 1,22,265 GPs have already procured Digital Signature Certificates (DSCs). Furthermore, States have also commenced closure of account books for the year 2018-19.

7. Under the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project, a suite of 11 Core Common Applications were envisaged to address the various aspects of Panchayat Functioning viz. decentralized planning, budgeting, accounting, implementation and monitoring, service delivery etc. The Ministry has initiated an exercise to streamline the PES Applications. In this regard, a Project Monitoring and Steering Committee (PMSC) has been constituted, also comprising of officers from various States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The PMSC is entrusted to assess the usage of e-Panchayat Applications, to assess core functionality requirements in the e-Panchayat Applications and to mitigate redundancies etc.
