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Subject: Revamping of National Panchayat Awards aligning them with 9 Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) themes aggregating 17 SDGs.

Dear Madan / Sir,

As you are aware that Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has been giving awards to the best performing Panchayats/States/UTs since the year 2011 as a part of Incentivization of Panchayats scheme. These awards are given annually on 24th of April during the celebrations of National Panchayati Raj Day, an event usually graced by Hon'ble Prime Minister.

2. Hon'ble Union Minister of Panchayati Raj on 7th December, 2021 released the report on "Localization of Sustainable Development Goals through Panchayati Raj Institutions" prepared by an Expert Committee constituted in this Ministry. The Committee in its report has identified 9 themes aggregating 17 SDGs for action at local (Gram Panchayat) level as a way forward for attainment of SDGs by the year 2030. These 9 themes are (i) Poverty free and enhanced livelihoods village, (ii) Healthy village, (iii) Child friendly village, (iv) Water sufficient village, (v) Clean and Green village, (vi) Self-sufficient infrastructure in village, (vii) Socially secured village, (viii) Village with good governance and (ix) Engendered development in village.

3. Accordingly, Ministry of Panchayati Raj is revamping these awards to establish a multi-level pyramidal structure of awards competition (at Block, District, State/UT and National Level) aligning it with 9 Localization of Sustainable Development Goals themes. The draft structure of revamped awards and their questionnaires are enclosed at Annexure-I and II respectively.

4. It is proposed to launch the revamped version of National Panchayat Awards shortly. I, therefore, request you to kindly review the enclosed proposed awards structure and draft questionnaires and share your comments at email behera.bk@nic.in, with a copy marked to manoj.sharma12@nic.in, pooja.sharma80@nic.in and chandrani.saha@nic.in. Deliberations regarding this will be held on 05th July, 2022 (03.30 PM – 04.30 PM) during the "National Write-Shop on Preparedness of Roadmap and Draft Plan of Action on Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) in PRIs" wherein States and UTs may present their views on this matter.

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Enclosed: As above

Yours Sincerely,

29.6.22
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