

Ministry Panchayati Raj

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

1. During the month, under Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) Grants, MoPR has recommended to Ministry of Finance (MoF) for release of 1st instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.1,840.505 crore to Rajasthan and Rs.1,851.625 crore to West Bengal for FY 2019-20. MoPR has also recommended to MoF for release of Performance Grant of Rs.2.97 crore to Goa for FY 2017-18.
2. During the month, under FFC, MoF has released 1st instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.235.486 crore to Jammu & Kashmir for FY 2017-18, 2nd instalment of Rs.11.55 crore to Goa for FY 2017-18 and 1st instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.1165.665 crore to Gujarat, Rs.244.32 crore to Himachal Pradesh, Rs.1251.857 crore to Karnataka, Rs.542.365 crore to Kerala, Rs.1830.07 crore to Madhya Pradesh, Rs.1194.77 crore to Odisha, Rs.45.315 crore to Tripura, Rs.254.155 crore to Uttarakhand and Rs.4829.735 crore to Uttar Pradesh for FY 2019-20.
3. The total release of Basic Grant under FFC for the year 2015-16 was Rs.21,510.46 crore against the allocation of Rs.21,624.46 crore. During 2016-17 release was Rs.29,412.45 crore against the allocation of Rs.29,942.87 crore. During 2017-18 release was Rs.32,871.84 crore against the allocation of Rs.34,596.26 crore. During 2018-19 release was Rs.35,359.38 crore against the allocation of Rs.40,021.63 crore. During current financial year i.e. 2019-20 release of basic grant under FFC is Rs.11,358.25 crore against the allocation of Rs.54,077.80 crore.
4. The release of Performance Grant under FFC was Rs.3,499.45 crore against the allocation of Rs.3,927.65 crore for 2016-17 and Rs.1,106.90 crore against allocation of Rs.4444.71 crore for the year 2017-18.
5. Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan (RGSA) the States can be provided fund for (i) Project based support for Economic Development and Income Enhancement, (ii) Innovation (iii) Internet Protocol based virtual classrooms for distance education for Capacity building of PRIs. States/Union Territories were asked to submit their proposals in this regard. A meeting under the chairmanship of Secretary Panchayati Raj was held on 12th and 13th of June, 2019 to consider proposals received from States/UTs.
6. MoPR released funds through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) to state governments for different activities under RGSA, as per the instructions of

Ministry of Finance. A training programme for all the States on adoption of PFMS for the scheme of RGSA was organised in collaboration with the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on 26th and 27th June, 2019 at Institute of Government Accounts and Finance, New Delhi.

7. A meeting of the Performance review committee was held on 6th and 7th of June, 2019 to monitor the performance of different rural development schemes of Ministry of Rural Development being implemented by the states and UTs throughout the country. The performance of the RGSA scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj was also reviewed with all the States during the meeting.
8. Funds to the tune of Rs.75.23 crore were released to the states of Uttar Pradesh as per the Annual action plan approved by CEC for the year 2019-20 under the scheme of RGSA in the month of June, 2019.
9. 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 for FY 2017-18, GP/vendor registration and for procurement of Digital Signature Certificates. For the year 2017-18, 94% of the Gram Panchayats have closed their account books. Around 1,55,517 GPs (61%) have already procured Digital Signature Certificates (DSCs). Furthermore, States have also commenced closure of account books for the year 2018-19. States have also commenced closure of day books and month books for 2018-19. Around 60% of Gram Panchayats have closed day book and month books and around 54% of Gram Panchayats have closed their year books for FY 2018-19.
10. A Video Conference (VC) was held with all the States and UTs on June 28, 2019 to review the progress for the 100 Days Work Plan. As part of the 100 days action plan, MoPR has enlisted certain action points with respect to e-Governance viz. (i) Uploading of all GPDPs for 2019-20 on PlanPlus, (ii) Initiating all planned works for 2019-20 on ActionSoft and (iii) Complete adoption of PRIASoft-PFMS interface for real time payments (*in case of Fourteenth Finance Commission Grants to Rural Local Bodies*). Trainings through Video Conferences are also being provided particularly to assist the Gram Panchayats to come on-board PRIASoft-PFMS interface; such a VC was held with the State of Tripura on June 19, 2019.
