

## **Ministry Panchayati Raj**

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

1. During the month, Ministry has released funds to the tune of Rs. 44.60 Crore for the year 2019-20 to the States of Uttarakhand and West Bengal as per the Annual Action Plan (AAP) approved by Central Empowered Committee (CEC) under Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).
2. Ministry 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.235.485 crore to Jammu & Kashmir for FY 2017-18 and 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.4829.735 crore to Uttar Pradesh for FY 2019-20.
3. Ministry has issued an advisory to the FFC States for providing safe drinking water to the heat affected Gram Panchayats using FFC Grant.
4. The total release of Basic Grant under FFC for the year 2015-16 was Rs.21510.46 crore against the allocation of Rs.21624.46 crore. During 2016-17 it was Rs.29,412.45 crore against the allocation of Rs.29,942.87 crore. During 2017-18 it was Rs. 32,624.80 crore against the allocation of Rs.34,596.26 crore. During 2018-19 it was Rs.35,359.38 crore against the allocation of Rs.40,021.63 crore. Release of Performance Grant was 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.
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 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 1,22,535 GPs 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 47% of Gram Panchayats have closed day book and month books and around 40% of Gram Panchayats have closed their year books for FY 2018-19.

6. A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Panchayati Raj) on May 15, 2019 with Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MOHUA), Department of Land Resources (DLR), Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner (ORGI) and Survey of India (SoI) for the adoption of LGD in Census 2021. During the meeting, it was decided that the results of Census 2021 will be released with mapping of LGD codes.

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