

**Ministry of Panchayati Raj  
Incentivization Division**

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**Minutes of Meeting  
Meeting (Video Conference) on revamping of National Panchayat Awards held with States/UTs  
held on (11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 3:00 PM)**

A meeting (Video Conference) on revamping of National Panchayat Awards was held with States/UTs on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 3:00 PM under the chairmanship of Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera (Economic Advisor, Ministry of Panchayati Raj) in presence of the Incentivization Division staff.

2. 19 States/UTs participated in the meeting (Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, DNH&DD, Gujarat, Haryana, HP, J&K, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh).

3. All the participant States/UTs agreed with the revamped structure of the National Panchayat Awards. Few States also raised some queries for clarity as summarized below:

Sl.No.	State	Query/Comments of State	MoPR remarks
i.	Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instead of Block Development Officer, Executive Officer is in place at Block Level in the State of Bihar. The constitution of the Block Panchayat Performance Assessment Committee (BPPAC) may be appropriately defined.</li> </ul>	Noted.
ii.	Haryana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantum of award money details may be shared.</li> <li>Resolution of tied cases may be defined.</li> </ul>	Details of award money and criteria for resolution of tied cases incorporated in the draft guidelines. However, there will be a multi-fold increment in the amount of award money.
iii.	Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislative Assembly elections are due in December, 2022 hence it may be difficult to complete the processes of awards in the State.</li> </ul>	Noted.
iv.	Jharkhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar to the query of Bihar, instead of Block Development Officer, Executive Officer is in place at Block Level in the State. The constitution of the BPPAC may be appropriately defined.</li> </ul>	Noted.
v.	Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the onus of filling the Questionnaires lies with the BPPAC?</li> </ul>	The onus of filling the Questionnaires lies with the BPPAC.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ranking of BPs and DPs may be done as per their own performance rather than their concerned GPs performance.</li> </ul>	The revamped awards structure is based on localization and realization of SDGs. On the basis of the performance of GPs, the performance of BPs and DPs will be accordingly measured.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Questionnaires have column on data source against each question. This may not be made mandatory to be filled as data source is different at different levels.</li> </ul>	Noted.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handholding support may be provided to the States/Districts/Blocks by training of Master Trainers in the State.</li> </ul>	

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		The chairperson of the District Panchayat Performance Assessment Committees may be kept as Principal Secretary/Secretary, Panchayati Raj instead of Director, Panchayati Raj.	Noted.
vi.	Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Questionnaires have column on data source against each question. This may not be made mandatory to be filled as data source is different at different levels.</li> <li>• Additional Questions as per following may be incorporated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Biogas (Theme: Clean and Green Panchayat)</li> <li>✓ Tax recovery by Gram Panchayats and number of Gram Sabhas conducted with Quorum (Theme: Panchayat with Good Governance)</li> <li>✓ Village Poverty Reduction Plan and Gaps under Mission Antyodaya Survey (Theme: Poverty free and enhanced livelihoods Panchayat)</li> <li>✓ Availability/Construction of crematorium in Gram Panchayat (Theme: Self-sufficient infrastructure in Panchayat)</li> <li>✓ Population data source i.e. Census 2011 may be mentioned in the questionnaire (Theme: Healthy Panchayat)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Additional weightage may be given to Hilly/Remote/PESA States</li> </ul>	Noted
vii.	Punjab	Award money may be considered to be given for State level awards as well.	Under the revamped award system, MoPR will be giving incentives to the National Level Awardees and the States may make provisions for the State level awardees from their own pool of resources.
viii.	Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments have been furnished through email.</li> <li>• Questionnaires may be made bi/multi-lingual</li> </ul>	Noted.
ix.	Uttarakhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ranking of BPs and DPs may be done as per their own performance rather than their concerned GPs performance.</li> </ul>	The revamped awards structure is based on localization and realization of SDGs. On the basis of the performance of GPs, the performance of BPs and DPs will be accordingly measured.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of internet connectivity in hilly regions may render it difficult to fill the information</li> </ul>	Noted. The provision may be given to save the application and confirm/freeze later as per availability of internet connection. Also, Ministry is contemplating to developing an informative Mobile Application for Awards.
x.	Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owing to a big State with highest number of Panchayats in the country, timeline to complete</li> </ul>	Noted.

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		the process of awards nominations may not be kept stringent.	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ranking of BPs and DPs may be done as per their own performance rather than their concerned GPs performance.</li> </ul>	The revamped awards structure is based on localization and realization of SDGs. On the basis of the performance of GPs, the performance of BPs and DPs will be accordingly measured.
		The chairperson of the District Panchayat Performance Assessment Committees may be kept as Principal Secretary/Secretary, Panchayati Raj instead of Director, Panchayati Raj.	Noted.

4. The other participating States committed to share their comments within the timeline provided by the chairman i.e. by 12.07.2022 (3:00 PM). Chairman also informed that if no comments are received within this timeline, it will be presumed that the States/UTs are in agreement with the proposed revamped awards structure.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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