

**Minutes of the Second Meeting of Central Executive Committee (CEC) of  
Rashtriya Gram Sawaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) for the financial year 2017-18 held on  
25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at 11.00 AM in Conference Hall, JP Building, KG Marg, New Delhi**

The Second CEC meeting of RGSA for 2017-18, was held under the Chairmanship of Shri J. S. Mathur, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room of MoPR, 11th Floor, JP building, New Delhi. The list of Participants is at Annex-I. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members of the CEC to the meeting. Thereafter Shri K.S Sethi, Joint Secretary informed that the agenda before the CEC included, proposals of 07 States of Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Mizoram, Sikkim, Rajasthan and UT of Andaman & Nicobar, for assistance under RGSA. The item-wise discussions, observations and decisions of the CEC are as below:

**General Observations:**

- 1. Audited UC for funds released in 2015-16:** CEC advised States to furnish the audited utilization for funds released during 2015-16, if not already submitted. Also, to submit physical/ financial progress and provisional UC for 2016-17.
- 2. Capacity Building & Training:** CEC advised the States to integrate trainings with overall training programme including themes of less cash payment, water conservation, sanitation, leadership development, agriculture practices to double income of farmers, local issues etc. The States were also advised to develop, as well as use, training modules of line departments for trainings in areas of sanitation, agriculture (scientific and modern techniques), water conservation, animal husbandry, fisheries, health, women and child development etc. All States were advised to update their GDP data on PlanPlus. Further, the CEC advised to conduct trainings at places having adequate training infrastructure and conducive ambience as well as use short films for content delivery during training programmes. In this regard, the newly launched YouTube channel of Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) was also shown to the CEC members. States were asked to publicize the channel, as it is necessary for knowledge regarding availability of channel for people to view it. Further, the CEC advised the States to propagate the reading of quarterly news magazine "Gram Uday Hamara Sankalap" that has been already dispatched to the Gram Panchayats and give their feedback, and publicize its mobile App. States were also asked to provide feedback through random feedback from some GPs regarding the magazine's postal copy having reached the PRIs.
- 3. Innovative Training Programme:** CEC emphasized that all major States may organize innovative training programmes for Sarpanches and Panchayat functionaries on the lines of programme organized by MoPR in Siri Fort during Dec, 2016. This exercise is aimed at prioritizing the training and capacity building of PRI ERs and functionaries, so that they are able to plan and utilize the enhanced flow of resources (including FFC grants) available at GP level in an effective manner. It was stated that letter regarding this matter including copy of booklet on the program has already been sent to the states. Every state was requested to

organize at least one such training program before September, 2017 and inform the Ministry in this regard.

4. The States should explore possibility of distance training mechanisms for PRIs including IP based interactive classrooms, for improving outreach of training programmes. The states were asked to see Karnataka and Chhattisgarh models and also examine the different options available in this regard. These were discussed again at meeting held in this regard in the Ministry recently.
5. All states were advised to make short videos on best practices in PRIs and provide them to the Ministry for uploading on You Tube channel. States were also requested to identify achiever Sarpanches whose services should be utilized in the training programs. States must also provide inputs for publication in Gramoday Sankalp magazine.
6. CEC discussed regarding the effective use of portable, inexpensive hand held pico projectors, in agricultural extension by Digital GREEN, an NGO in Bihar. Digital GREEN vastly improved the effectiveness of existing agricultural extension programs by engaging with, and training the community on producing and sharing short videos on local agri best practices. These videos were screened using battery-operated pico projectors by village facilitators who use the videos to spark interactive conversations among farmer groups, like women self-help groups, on a fortnightly basis. This best practice was appreciated by CEC, and it was agreed that MoPR should examine for adopting it under RGSA. States were also advised to examine use of this inexpensive best practice through a pilot, and provide feedback to MoPR with proposal as per feasibility.
7. The states were requested for regular updation of achievements under the scheme, including those for sanitation. These should be uploaded to the Ministry's dashboard, for which the states must take a proactive role.
8. The States should ensure that there is provision of toilets in all buildings constructed/ repaired from funds proposed under CB-PSA/RGSA.
9. CEC also discussed suggestions from members and decided:
  - a. Module on Women empowerment prepared by Deptt of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare may be shared with MoPR for dissemination.
  - b. Modules on "Indradhanush" Scheme prepared by MoHF&W may be shared with MoPR for dissemination.
  - c. Modules prepared by Ministry of Tribal Affairs on FRA may be shared with MoPR for dissemination.