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Dear *Madam/Sir,*

Please refer to the speech of Hon'ble Prime Minister on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations. In his speech, he has exhorted for whole hearted participation of all stakeholders towards bringing in sustainable development to the Nation's well being. In this regard, the Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs)/ Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) in your State may be asked to take up the following activities towards putting into action the advice of Hon'ble Prime Minister:

- i. As a part of the efforts on Vibrant Gram Sabhas, the PRIs/RLBs to give due recognition to the freedom fighters of their places. They may prepare and install a plaque at the main gate of the panchayats giving details of the freedom fighters, and also name the streets /roads connecting villages of the Panchayats after the freedom fighters.
- ii. The doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, sanitation staff etc. who have played important role to save lives during COVID times may be felicitated in the Gram Sabha meetings.
- iii. Gram Panchayats are to prepare data base of children who have been orphaned in first and second waves of COVID and share with the appropriate authority such as District Child Welfare Committee for provision of suitable relief.
- iv. As malnutrition and lack of essential nutrients in poor women and poor children poses major obstacles in their development, Gram Panchayats may play major role in popularizing schemes of Poshan Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat scheme, Jan Aushadhi Yojana and Health and Wellness centers through the medium of Gram Sabhas.
- v. In order to reduce the burden on the common citizens for fulfilment of various governmental compliances, Gram Panchayats may be asked to review the existing compliances and eliminate unnecessary provisions.
- vi. The PRIs/RLBs have been provided with 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Grants for various developmental activities. They may be advised to utilize these grants apart from other Central/ State Government scheme funds towards creation of basic infrastructure for sports activities, all-round, all-pervasive, and all-inclusive development of backward areas in their locations, creation of new generation infrastructure for basic services, taking up Plantation drive on Gram Panchayat lands, setting up renewable energy facilities, water conservation activities, waste management projects including making the Gram Panchayats plastic free etc.

It is requested to accordingly instruct the PRIs/RLBs to implement the above suggestions of Hon'ble PM in a time bound manner. The progress in this regard may also be informed to this Ministry.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

*(K. S. Sethi)* 06/10/2021

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