

**Minutes of the First Meeting of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) of
Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) held on 12.10.2018.**

The First meeting of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) was held at 11.00 A.M. on 12.10.2018 in Committee Room 'A' Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Amarjeet Sinha, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Details of the participants of the meeting are given in Annexure-I.

2. Dr. Bala Prasad, Additional Secretary, MoPR welcomed the participants and stated that it was really heartening and encouraging to note the presence of all Members of the CEC of RGSA for the first meeting of the Committee. He expressed the hope that their expert inputs and feedback on different issues will lead to a robust and result oriented implementation of the scheme. The scheme of RGSA has been designed after an intensive consultation with the objective of capacitating and empowering the Gram Panchayats to deliver on achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with focus on Gram Panchayats in 117 Aspirational Districts. He further informed that with a view to sensitize the Gram Panchayats / Gram Sabhas at grassroot level, for formulating an effective and holistic Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for the financial year 2019-20, this Ministry has launched a People's Plan Campaign - Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas, from 2nd October, 2018 to 31st December, 2018. Thereafter, he requested Secretary (RD&PR) and Chairman of the CEC for addressing the Members of the Committee.

Addressing the participants in the CEC, the Chairman observed that the present initiative for increased emphasis for Capacity Building & Training of Elected Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Gram Sabhas and functionaries of line departments is very crucial. The scheme of RGSA has been formulated with a view to ensure that it provides support and assistance to important stakeholders for Capacity Building & Training of PRIs and strives to ensure that the Gram Panchayats discharge their mandated duties. Referring to the launch of the People's Plan Campaign (PPC), he observed that the aim of this campaign is to ensure Panchayats carry out an objective assessment and review as to where the respective PRIs stand presently on counts of infrastructure, e-facility, Human Development Index etc. As a part of the Campaign, it is envisaged that the data on basic social and economic assessment as per Mission Antyodaya format is made available to the Gram Panchayats to enable them to identify the gaps, which are to be addressed through GPDP planning process. He pointed out that a matrix has been developed by the Ministry which identify the performance of the Panchayats across the Country by showing the respective areas in "Red", "Green" and "Yellow". This colour coded identification will help the concerned stakeholders to identify the areas in which the Gram Panchayats face constraints in a moderate manner (Yellow coloured); the Gram Panchayats where the constraints is very severe (Red coloured) and the Gram Panchayats where progress has been quite satisfactory (Green coloured). He observed that this matrix would obviously help and encourage the backward Panchayats to go Green. Ultimately, the resources provided to the States are to be used for "Red" and "Yellow" sectors in Gram Panchayats to help them to achieve the "Green" status through the process of GPDP. The main thrust in this process has to be on the GPs falling in 117 Aspirational Districts identified by NITI Aayog and those covered under Mission Antyodaya. Further, the Panchayats will have to seriously imbibe the spirit of transparency, accountability and appropriate public disclosure, because such steps will enable them to progress in the correct direction and

undertake corrective measures. He advised that the Secretaries of the States must keep track of their Red GPs from time to time and intervene to achieve the target.

The Chairman observed that on the part of the Central Government, all possible efforts have been made for convergence of activities relating to Capacity Building and Training of PRIs. In this connection, necessary communication has been sent to the Secretaries of 18 Central Ministries, who may have also addressed their counterpart Departments in the States for taking appropriate action for assisting the Gram Panchayats in formulating holistic GPDPs during the People's Plan Campaign. The Secretaries of the Panchayati Raj Departments of States may accordingly effectively liaise with their counterparts of these Departments in States for their proactive participation. He further pointed out that the convergence between PRIs and SHGs comprising of a work force of about 5 crore women may be made mandatory at all possible levels in the process of formulation of the GPDP. He informed that through "Gram Samvad" all the Elected Representatives, Panchayat functionaries and the public in general have been made aware about the achievements of the schemes.

Secretary also highlighted the relevance of utilising the services of DISHA portal and LGD application. He informed that DISHA portal was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister for monitoring the implementation for 43 schemes. So far, 29 schemes have been taken on board. He also indicated that by June 2019, monitoring of the schemes will be possible taking into account the geographical coverage of the scheme. For this, District Officers have been given access to DISHA portal. He observed that if all schemes are LGD compliant and tagged to their MIS, it will considerably facilitate the task for planning and monitoring. He emphasised the need for completion of the entire process of People's Plan Campaign within December 2018 on priority basis, including Geo-tagging of all assets, installation of Public Information Boards and Uploading of GPDP on PlanPlus.

He expressed the hope that all efforts would be made for formulation of a holistic GPDP for the next financial year and also for the effective implementation of the RGSA.

Thereafter, a Presentation was made by Shri K. S. Sethi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Member Secretary, CEC regarding the restructured scheme of RGSA outlining the salient features of the scheme particularly the new components. The CEC was informed regarding extent of coverage and various activities which can be undertaken under the scheme. The scheme of RGSA extends to all States and Union Territories including institutions of rural local government in non-Part IX areas where Panchayats do not exist. The scheme has both Central component as well as State components. The Central Components include National level activities viz. "National Plan of Technical Assistance", "Mission Mode Project on e-Panchayat" including "Incentivization of Panchayats". The State component includes activities relating to Capacity Building of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The Central Component will be fully funded by the Government of India. However, Centre : State funding for the State Component will be 60:40 for all States, except North East and Hill States where Centre : State funding pattern will be 90:10. For all Union Territories (UTs) (with or without legislatures), the Central share is 100%. He informed that the admissibility of funds for IEC activities has been increased for ensuring accountability on the basis of voluntary disclosures. He pointed out that the outcome of the People's Plan Campaign would be formulation of holistic GPDPs for the coming financial year which will reflect the actual requirements of the GP.

He observed that for the timely and effective utilisation of the funds released to States under the Scheme, it is necessary that the States prepare a calendar of activities for

completion of activities approved, *inter alia* ensuring that the funds released by the Central Government along with State share are transferred to the implementing agencies in time on priority basis. While implementing the scheme, the States must see that the funds released for the respective financial year are effectively and appropriately utilised for the specified activities well in time, and there should be no scope for unutilised funds remaining at the close of the financial year.

Thereafter, CEC took up following Agenda for consideration and decisions taken with respect to them have been described in succeeding sections.

A. Agenda under Central Component

Agenda No. 1: Framework for Implementation of RGSA

The CEC was informed that subsequent to the approval of the Scheme, a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh for drafting a Framework for Implementation of the Scheme. After consultations with experts, representatives etc. of the States, the Committee prepared the draft Framework, which was put through an intensive consultation process with the representatives of the States, SIRDs etc. at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad. Based upon the feedback, the final version was prepared. After obtaining the approval of Hon'ble Minister, the same was shared with the Panchayati Raj Departments of States/UTs, their SIRDs etc and also with line Ministries.

The CEC considered the draft framework for implementation of RGSA and approved the same.

Agenda No. 2 : Launching of People's Plan Campaign for Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) – Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas

The Committee was informed that Ministry of Panchayati Raj in association with Ministry of Rural Development had rolled out People's Plan Campaign "Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas" during 2nd October, 2018 – 31st December, 2018 for preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan for the year 2019-20, where frontline Officials of all line Departments relating to 29 subjects listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution will also make a presentation regarding their Department's activities. This Campaign is envisaged to be an intensive and structured exercise for planning at the level of Gram Sabha through convergence between Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), concerned line departments and Women Self Help Groups (SHGs). The objective of this Campaign was strengthening the role of Elected Representatives of Panchayats & Women SHGs, evidence based assessment of progress made in the devolved subjects, strengthening of Plan Plus for providing a holistic development plan of Gram Panchayat and structured Gram Sabha meetings spread over the Campaign period.

For effective role out of the Campaign, the PR Departments, States / SIRDs/Central Ministries concerned/other stakeholders were comprehensively sensitized about calendar of activities for the Campaign through Workshops, Video Conferences, and dissemination of booklets for the Campaign for timely completion of the activities envisaged therein for formulation of GPDP for 2019-20.

The CEC noted the matter.

Agenda No. 3 : Activities related to the Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan

The CEC was informed that in the context of Government decision to expedite the interventions under various schemes during Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (GSA) and Extended GSA in the 117 Aspirational Districts it was decided to undertake, on priority, the activities relating to Capacity Building & Training (CB&T) for ERs/functionaries of Gram Panchayats in Aspirational districts and also for SHGs on PRI-SHG convergence. The States were accordingly requested to take up the CB&T activities of the above stakeholders on priority basis, by utilizing the unspent balances available with them under the erstwhile scheme of Capacity Building – Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (CB-PSA).

The CEC considered and approved the proposal.

Agenda No. 4 : Establishment of National Project Management Unit (NPMU) for RGSA

The Committee was informed that RGSA provides for establishment of National Project Management Unit (NPMU) at National level, to be housed in the Ministry of Panchayat Raj. The NPMU will function as the coordinating unit for the programme, to provide professional and technical support to the Ministry comprising of consultants, both long term & short term, drawn from various domain areas relating to Panchayats, interns and support staff. The NPMU will also look after monitoring, research, cross State learning, campaigns, innovative activities, workshops, conferences and will also be responsible for coordinating with State Programmes and effective implementation of RGSA. It was further informed to CEC that taking into account the expertise available at NIRD&PR, Hyderabad, it was decided to outsource the task of setting up NPMU and its management to the said Institute. It was noted that similar arrangements were also in place in respect of some schemes of Ministry of Rural Development.

The Committee was further informed that the NIRD&PR, has submitted the financial proposal for NPMU, to the tune of Rs. 10.64 crore for the period of 4 years as per Annexure II of Agenda.

The CEC considered and approved the proposal.

Agenda No. 5 : Revision of Guidelines related to the formulation and implementation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP)

The CEC was informed that the guidelines for formulation and implementation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) were formulated by all States in the wake of the acceptance of recommendations of FFC in 2015. The GPDPs were being formulated and implemented by States since then, as per their respective State Guidelines. However, it is found that in the context of roll out of RGSA and the changed scenario particularly the emphasis on preparation of a convergent GPDP with all resources available at grassroot level, there was need for revising the earlier guidelines for ensuring effective and comprehensive GPDP.

To this end, the Ministry had constituted a Multi Sectoral Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bala Prasad, Additional Secretary, MoPR to review/revise the Model GPDP guidelines issued during 2015. The committee, based on iterative discussions with different stakeholders has finalized the revised guidelines to make GPDP planning comprehensive and holistic. The guidelines have been put on the website of the Ministry and were being circulated to States for amplifying their respective Guidelines.

The CEC noted the matter.

Agenda No. 6 : Revamping of Plan Plus Application of Ministry

It was informed to the CEC that the PlanPlus Application under e-Panchayat programme had been developed to capture the decentralized planning process of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP). The software is web-based, compatible for local language adaptation and captures the planning workflow starting from identification of needs, up to the plan approval processes. The software enables convergence of the related schemes, brings about transparency in plan preparation, and approval processes, and facilitates online monitoring.

It was further informed to the CEC that as part of the roll out of RGSA and the People's Plan Campaign, the PlanPlus application had been restructured and strengthened to provide for a comprehensive and holistic GPDP. The restructured PlanPlus application will ensure transparency and accountability in the functioning of Gram Panchayats.

The CEC noted the matter.

Agenda No. 7 : Approval of routine activities under RGSA

The CEC was informed that for sensitizing the States and line Ministries regarding the various activities to be undertaken under Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas, a booklet was got printed (3000 copies) in English and Hindi with the approval of Secretary (PR) and shared with States and other stakeholders for which an expenditure to the tune of Rs. 2.35 lakh inclusive of GST has been incurred out of budgetary provision of RGSA. It was informed to the CEC that in the normal course, the activities under the scheme had to be undertaken after approval of CEC and with the concurrence of IFD. However, in the context of People's Plan Campaign and similar other programmes of National importance, a number of routine activities under RGSA viz. workshops, printing of modules, booklets and training materials, IEC materials etc. are required to be undertaken at short notice.

It was, therefore, proposed that Secretary MoPR, be authorized by CEC to approve the expenditure for routine activities of RGSA out of the budgetary provisions of RGSA so that the activities under the scheme were taken up in a smooth manner.

The CEC considered and approved the proposal.

Agenda No. 8 : Mission Mode Project on e-Panchayat

e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) is one of the central components under the newly restructured scheme – Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), aimed to transform PRIs into symbols of modernity, transparency and efficiency, with a vision to empower and transform rural India. The MMP includes a suite of Core Common Applications, known as Panchayat Enterprise Suite (PES) Applications that addresses the Panchayat functioning viz. planning, budgeting, implementation, accounting, monitoring, social audit and delivery of citizen services.

II. During the meeting it was submitted before the CEC members that various activities related to the development and maintenance of PES Applications, mobile apps for several activities, dashboard for monitoring the utilization of funds, geo-tagging of assets, service delivery, reporting and related capacity building of PRIs will be undertaken in a more robust and strengthened manner under the existing e-Panchayat

MMP under the RGSA scheme. It was also submitted that there is an annual outlay (BE 2018-19) of Rs. 20 crores under this scheme.

III. Out of this Rs. 20 crores, a proposal for adaptive/ corrective maintenance and development of e-Panchayat applications for a period of 12 Months (01st April, 2018-31st March, 2019) for Rs. 19.49 Crores has been received from NIC/ NICS I for approval. The CEC considered and approved the same for placing the funds at the disposal of NIC/NICS I.

Agenda No. 9 : Incentivization of Panchayats

I. Revision of Guidelines for Awards [Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar (DDUPSP) & Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar (NDRGGSP)]

The Incentivization of Panchayats is one of the central components under the newly restructured Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA). The revised Guidelines of DDUPSP & NDRGGSP which has been prepared in line with RGSA Framework were placed before the Committee. The CEC considered and approved the said Guidelines.

II. Against the B.E. 2018-19 of Rs.46.00 crore, the Committee was informed that an expenditure of Rs.24.62 crore (i.e. 53.52%) has been incurred under the Incentivization of Panchayats scheme as on 30.09.2018. The CEC approved the proposal. For the rest of the budget in this head, the committee authorized Secretary as the amount for the award is already decided and awards have been given.

Agenda No. 10 : IPAI study on preparation of State Specific Budget, Accounts and Audit Manuals to implement recommendations of Fourteenth Finance Commission

The Committee was informed that the Ministry had awarded a study for Preparation of State specific Accounts, Budget and Audit manuals to the Institute of Public Auditors of India (IPAI) for fast tracking the maintenance and auditing of accounts on a uniform pattern in the entire country in line with the Model Accounting System . The main aim of the study was to review the existing Rules, Manuals and Guidelines for preparation of budget, maintenance and audit of accounts in the Panchayats and to prepare State/UT specific manuals for effective support to the accounting and audit functions of the Panchayats.

The study was awarded for an amount of Rs. 1,49,07,200/- plus applicable service tax. Payments of Rs. 1,04,35,040 and service tax of Rs. 15,13,081/- has already been released to IPAI in previous instalment.

The manuals prepared by IPAI had been forwarded to the States/UTs for approval and adoption into their legal system. 7 States, namely, Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, Karnataka, Manipur, Maharashtra, Punjab, and Uttarakhand had already communicated their approvals for the manuals. The payment towards the third and final instalment of the study being Rs. 4,58,220/- is under consideration for release to IPAI from the budgetary provisions of RGSA for the current year.

The CEC considered and approved the proposal.

Agenda No. 11 :Release of funds towards Projects undertaken by NIRD&PR for Capacity Building & Training

(i) Project of Transforming India through Strengthening PRIs by Continuous Training and E-Enablement (TISPRI)

The CEC was informed that Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), under RGSA, had sanctioned 3- year project to NIRD&PR, titled- “Transforming India through, continuous training and e-enablement” with a budget outlay of Rs 30.50 crores, covering 6 core components - Standardization of learning material, Certification of Master Resource Persons, Launching of Certificate / Diploma Programme on PR Governance, Enrolment of new resource persons, Documentation of success stories and E-enablement of Gram Panchayats. An amount of Rs 3.44 crores was approved for the year 2016-17 and released in Feb, 2017 to carry out the proposed activities. The proposal for this year, with budget outlay of Rs 11.00 crores was submitted by the Institute which was considered by this Ministry and with the concurrence of Finance Division, an amount of Rs 5.50 crores has been sanctioned and released in October, 2018.

The CEC was further informed that in the context of People’s Plan Campaign launched during 02.10.2018 to 31.12.2018 for holistic GPDP preparation for 2019-20, NIRD&PR was involved in number of activities relating to Capacity Building and Training interventions viz. National level consultative workshops, preparation of Training modules, a 2 days national level training program, Regional workshop cum training at Guwahati for the resource persons of North Eastern states etc. NIRD&PR has also been requested to organize a special workshop cum training for the functionaries of 10 PESA states, and for conducting three more Regional Workshops. Financial implication on these activities for effective roll out of People’s Plan Campaign will be approximately Rs. 56 lakh and NIRD&PR has proposed this activity as an additional component in the TISPRI project. Accordingly, the revised cost of the TISPRI project for 2018-19 will be Rs. 11.56 crore (including Rs. 56 lakh for the additional component of roll out of People’s Plan Campaign as mentioned above) instead of Rs. 11.00 crore as proposed by the Institute earlier.

The CEC considered and approved the proposal.

(ii) “Capacity Building and Handholding for effective Village Development Plan Preparation - in Non Part IX areas of North East India’

The Committee was informed that six States in the North Eastern Region, which were outside the ambit of Part IX of the Constitution, had unique and complex socio-cultural and political system. They have special systems of governance viz. Autonomous District/ Territorial Councils under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. The subjects assigned to the Councils/ Committee (District/ Village) are by and large similar to those listed in the eleventh schedule for the PRIs. There are several gaps in the planning process and lack of technical support to these Institutions. Capacity building of elected / nominated representatives and functionaries of these Local self-government (district & village) operational in the Non Part IX areas of North East India is therefore crucial for effective preparation of Village Development Plan during the People’s Plan Campaign. Considering these constraints, NIRDPR-NERC has proposed to have a separate CB&T strategy for these institutions in North Eastern states and to conduct trainings for Master Trainers in 29 batches, each batch of 35 persons for a duration of 4 days within a time-frame of two years. A total of 1015 functionaries from the ADCs/TCs, VC/VA and VDB, SHG federation

and functionaries of the line department will be trained in the preparation of VDP with above-cited objectives. The trainings will be held at NIRDPR-NERC, SIRDPRs and ADCs HQ as per requirement. The financial implications on the above activities will be to the tune of Rs 99.85 lakhs for 2 years.

The CEC considered and approved the same.

(iii) Capacity Building & Training of Panchayat Raj Institutions for effective formulation and implementation of GPDP under People's Plan Campaign for Union Territories

The Committee was informed that the Panchayati Raj system also exists in all Union Territories except National Capital Territory of Delhi.

It was observed that Union Territories (Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry) were lagging behind in the CB&T activities and the planning process, as there are no separate training institutions (like SIRDs) available for UTs for providing continuous training on GPDP process and other handholding support. Considering the importance of bringing all UTs also into the mainstream planning process, it was proposed that NIRD&PR may provide special support to all the 6 UTs to build the capacities of PR functionaries and handholding support in GPDP preparation. The NIRDPR has submitted a proposal for Capacity Building and handholding of 6 UTs for 6 months with the financial implication of Rs 61.45 lakhs.

The CEC considered and approved the proposal.

B. Agenda under State Component

Agenda No. 12 : Releases to States under the scheme of RGSA during 2018-19

It was brought to the notice of CEC that in the context of Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and roll out of People's Plan Campaign, the CB&T of ER, functionaries and SHG Members, facilitators and other stakeholders had assumed greater significance. Against this backdrop, it was decided to release funds for on-account basis, towards critical activities of Capacity Building & Training out of Annual Action Plan submitted by States with the approval of their respective State Executive Committee. To this end, funds to the tune of Rs. 262.37 crore had been released to 14 States in the month of September, 2018 with the approval of Secretary (RD&PR) and after concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry. The details of State-wise release is as under :-(Rs. In crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Amount released
1	Tripura	2.77
2	Andhra Pradesh	41.48
3	Madhya Pradesh	62.79
4	Manipur	6.95
5	Maharashtra	4.93
6	Arunachal Pradesh	10.88
7	Sikkim	3.99

Sl. No.	Name of State	Amount released
8	Assam	29.21
9	Tamil Nadu	30.31
10	Rajasthan	8.31
11	Punjab	10.55
12	Bihar	4.25
13	Uttar Pradesh	42.25
14	Mizoram	3.70
	Total	262.37

The CEC considered and approved the same.

Thereafter, JS(KSS) briefed the CEC members and States/UTs that the Scheme is Centrally Sponsored Scheme for four years viz., from 2018-19 to 2021-22 having both State as well as Central shares. The sharing pattern for the State components will be in the ratio of 60:40 except North East and Hilly States where Central and State share will be in the ratio of 90:10. For UTs, Central share will be 100%. He also broadly briefed the CEC about following focus areas of the scheme -

- The scheme will broadly be aligned for achieving the SDGs with main thrust on Panchayats identified under 117 backward districts as identified by NITI Aayog and Mission Antyodaya.
- Training programmes for PRIs following phased saturation approach with focus to ensure general orientation of newly Elected Representatives within six months and refresher to be ensured within 2 years.
- Impetus to SHG-PRI partnership to increase effectiveness of Rural local Governments
- Administrative and technical support to PRIs for technical manpower at block level as per the committee recommendations
- Greater thrust for e-enablement of Panchayats for e-governance to enhance efficiency and transparency.
- Provision for additional room in GP Buildings for co-location of CSCs for citizen centric services.
- States were also directed for timely utilization of the released amount under the various components. Slow progress may affect further releases.

It was further informed to the committee that appraisal of certain components as proposed by states/UTs in their respective Annual Action Plan viz. Panchayat Bhawan, Administrative & Technical support to Gram Panchayat, e-enablement (computer support to Gram Panchayat), PLC had been made on the basis of gaps in respect of these components of States vis a vis overall allocation of funds of respective components during the current year. It was also informed that In view of limited funds available for the activity relating to handholding support under the scheme, Support may be provided to North East States only.

With regard to the proposal for support for construction of Panchayat Bhawans and SPRC/DPRC to Nagaland and Meghalaya for this year, it was decided that the same may not be considered. Further, since infrastructure support for SIRDs etc was already available under the concerned schemes of MoRD and also in view of the fact that only continuing activities of infrastructure support for SPRC/DPRC was envisaged under the scheme, therefore for support for new construction for SPRC/DPRC in Nagaland and Meghalaya the States may be advised to approach MoRD for the same and access funds from the concerned scheme.

States were also informed that following points to be taken care while utilizing funds under the following components:

Gram Panchayat Buildings:

1. States will be expected to identify land for construction of New GP Bhawans.
2. List of the proposed new construction and repair of Panchayat Bhawans to be submitted in advance alongwith the name of District and Block with a priority for GPs covered under 117 Aspirational districts and Mission Antyodaya.
3. States are expected to follow eco-friendly designs for construction of New GP buildings, and ensure that disaster mitigation norms are followed. Cost norms of State or the Central Government (whichever is lower) should be used for cost estimates.
4. Cost for land for GP building will not be funded from the scheme of RGSA.

Handholding Support for GPDP:

1. States were requested to identify and collaborate with Academic Institutions/ National Institutions/ Institute of Excellence for providing handholding support to GPs for formulation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) in advance.
2. This collaboration will be based on a mutually agreed Action Plan for knowledge management, and improvement in quality and outreach of capacity building programmes for PRIs.

People's Plan Campaign :

The People's Plan Campaign has been rolled out as "Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas", from 2nd Oct. 2018 to 31st Dec. 2018. During the Campaign structured Gram Sabha meetings are to be held for preparing GPDPs for next financial year 2019-20, where frontline Officials of all line Departments relating to 29 subjects listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution will make a presentation regarding their Department's activities. As the said Campaign is of critical importance, the States were again requested to proactively take up the activities under the campaign to ensure timely completion and formulation/ uploading of GPDP on Plan Plus.

Agenda No. 13 : Annual Action Plan of States

Thereafter, the CEC took up for consideration the Annual Action Plans of 18 States namely Tripura, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Maharashtra, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, West Bengal, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Kerala, state-wise. It was decided by CEC that proposals for 3 components namely Distance learning facility through SATCOM or IP based technology etc.; Project based support for economic development and Income enhancement and Support for Innovations will be examined by a Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, MoPR and will give its recommendations for consideration of CEC. Subject to the above observations, the CEC approved the proposals of 18 States. The State-wise details are given below: