

## **Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Central Executive Committee of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan**

The 7<sup>th</sup> CEC meeting of Central Executive Committee (CEC) of RGPISA was held under the chairmanship of Shri S.M Vijayanand, Secretary, MoPR at 11:00 PM onwards in the conference room of MoPR, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, JP building, KG marg New Delhi. The list of Participants is at **Annexure-I**. At the outset, the chairperson welcomed the members of the CEC in the meeting. Thereafter, Smt. Sarada Muraleedharan, JS, MoPR informed the member that there were three general agenda items and proposals in respect of state of Punjab, Tripura, Haryana and Gujarat.

### **General Agenda 1**

#### **Letter from Ms. Pankaja Gopinath Munde, Minister for Rural Development and water Conservation, Government of Maharashtra for training and capacity building programme through NGO**

The CEC was informed that Ministry had received a letter from Ms. Pankaja Gopinath Munde, Minister for Rural Development and water Conservation, Government of Maharashtra stating that Department of Rural Development, Maharashtra has planning to do training and capacity building programmes for ERs and officials of the Panchayats for three days with the objective to develop appropriate knowledge and requisite skills to help them to discharge their functions. In order to ensure maximum participation, it had been decided that training will be conducted at division level at various locations namely Amravati, Aurangabad, Konkan, Nagpur, Nashik and Pune. To enlarge the existing capacity of SIRD, Department has exploring support of the NGO namely Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP), which has registered under Society Registration Act and Trust Act. It has informed that the NGO had been actively conducting training and capacity building programmes for ERs since 1982. Ms. Munde had requested this Ministry for approval for the proposed training programme and also grant funds if required. The Letter is enclosed as Annexure A

The CEC considered whether , it was observed the proposal of Maharashtra for the current year under RGPISA has been approved by CEC and said it is up to the state to decide to empanelled NGOs to organize the training programme as many other states such as Rajasthan, Gujarat have already been empanelled NGOs for providing training and approved the proposal.

#### **Agenda 2: Setting up of Chair on PRIs Activities at IIPA, New Delhi**

Joint Secretary, MoPR briefed the CEC that IIPA, New Delhi has proposed to set up a Chair on PRIs activities, as leading policy resource centre engaged in cutting-edge research, teaching, training, capacity building and process improvement in implementation of pro poor policies. As per proposal, this Chair has to act in tandem with this Ministry to regularly collate available evidence on the impact of existing policies, prepare informed briefs on best practices and render advice on refinement of existing policy and new policy required in this sector. The proposed Chair will be a vibrant intellectual community of faculty researchers, and administrative staff striving to improve, policy and practice on Panchayati Raj, monitors community initiatives and conduct training.

CEC advised that MoPR may promote academic institutions like IRMA. IIPA etc., and further, suggested that the proposal with of IIPA for the chair may be revised with some specific innovative support rather than only faculty support to MoPR.

### **Agenda 3: Operationalisation of India Panchayat Knowledge Portal (IPKP)**

Additional Secretary, MoPR reminded the CEC members about the decision of one of the CEC meetings to launch India Panchayat Knowledge Portal (IPKP), which would act as a catalogued repository of Panchayat related knowledge, processes, procedures, learnings, problem solving, innovation and creativity engaged (as lessons learnt) by the States/other stakeholders so that various stakeholders can access it for different uses. This would result in central availability of both theoretical and empirical knowledge for all the stakeholders to use.

2. Further, the members were informed that with the perspective of developing and positioning IPKP as a one stop shop for information related to “Panchayati Raj” as a subject, a workshop to devise the roadmap for development of IPKP and to discuss the modalities involved was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, MoPR @ NIRD on January 08, 2016. The workshop had participation from NIRD, SIRDs, experts and academic institutions working in the rural domain. Through the meeting, it emerged that NIRD & SIRDs would be required to play a pivotal role in developing and sustaining the IPKP initiative.

3. Subsequently, based on the outcome of the workshop, the proposal seeking funds (Rs. 2.03 crore including recurring expenditure of 1.50 crores annually) for undertaking the IPKP related activities submitted by NIRD was considered by the CEC and CEC accorded

- i. in-principle approval to the IPKP project along with the proposed costs; and
- ii. approval for a provision of Rs. 50 lakhs to be provided to NIRD&PR for the FY 2015-16 to initiate the activities.

### **Agenda Item 4**

**The CEC considered the proposals of the States of Punjab, Haryana, Tripura and Gujarat respectively and approved with some modifications as under:**

<b>In lakh</b>		
S.L No.	State/UTs	Approved Cost
1	Gujarat	103.66
2	Punjab	539.01
3	Tripura	520.80-
4	Haryana	218.13
	Total	<b>1381.60</b>

The details of the activities of State/UT as approved by CEC are given in annex-I

