

## **Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Central Executive Committee of Rajiv Gandhi**

### **Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan**

The sixth meeting of Central Executive Committee (CEC) of RGPSA was held under the chairmanship of Shri S.M Vijayanand, Secretary, MoPR at 1:00 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 chair person welcomed the members of the CEC in the meeting. Thereafter, Smt. Sarada Muraleedharan, JS, MoPR informed the member that there were two general agenda items and proposals in respect of state of Uttarakhand and UT of Chandigarh and proposal of Bihar for approval of utilization of unspent balance of previous year release under RGPSA towards GPD training the current year. She informed that since the representatives of state Punjab were not able to attend the meeting hence, the plan of the state would be discussed in the next CEC meeting.

#### **General Agenda Item-1**

##### **Provision of SATCOM for Panchayats through ISRO**

Additional Secretary, MoPR briefed all the participants about MoPR's discussions with ISRO to provide SATCOM facilities for all Panchayati Raj departments. He emphasized that this support was envisaged on a 'turnkey basis' to augment the training infrastructure for Panchayats, since State PR departments do not possess the requisite technical expertise in this matter and many States could not establish SATCOM facilities despite funds being sanctioned to them. He also informed that States which have been provided funds under RGPSA for SATCOM (namely like Assam, Karnataka, Kerala and West Bengal) would not be funded under this partnership with ISRO. Besides, since some State/UT-specific discussions are needed with a few other States and UTs, they would be funded in the following year after State-specific assessment of their existing facilities by ISRO. It is therefore proposed to fund 27 States/UTs under this partnership out of which 13 States would be covered in the current year.

Thereafter, representative from ISRO explained that the Panchayati Raj SATCOM network has been conceptualized as an expansion of existing facilities (under tele-education network). States have been grouped into three categories, based on their level of preparedness for SATCOM. Broadband connectivity would be provided 'free of cost' under this partnership and an additional SATCOM channel could also be provided 'free of cost' to States (within a month, through a clearly defined process) based on their utilization pattern (where demand exceeds supply). The unit cost for various activities/items were also indicated. It was also informed that ISRO has initially planned a pan-India one-way Receive-Only-Terminals (RoTs) network at District and block level. He suggested that the 2-way Satellite Interactive Terminals (SIT) at District level be initially piloted in a State in partnership with NIC leveraging National Knowledge Network (NKN). It was also informed that ISRO would provide its own uplink facility to States where it was not available so that those States can get started. If required, a dedicated channel could also be established for Panchayati Raj itself.

However, representative from ISRO also informed that though ISRO proposes full technical support, it does not intend to provide support on 'turnkey basis' considering ISRO's limited reach and resources. Further, States/UTs would need to procure all equipment themselves, based on ISRO's advice. Secretary, MoPR referred to his previous meeting with Chairman, ISRO and meeting with State Principal Secretaries on 29-30 October, 2015 wherein it was agreed that support

from ISRO would be provided on 'turnkey basis', which included technical support, procurement and maintenance.

Senior Technical Director (NKN), NIC informed that to enable 2-way connectivity at District level, NIC could provide free bandwidth 'laterally' to Panchayati Raj department at District level through its NKN and NICNET networks. However, this may involve additional cost as the District Office would need to be connected through a BSNL leased line and would require other equipment for Video Conferencing.

Some members of CEC were also of the view that the proposition could first be tried in 2 or 3 States before rolling it out to all States.

**Following were the decisions of the CEC on ISRO's proposal:**

- In-principle approval to the 1-way SATCOM proposal from ISRO for all States with some desirable modifications like procurements by ISRO, 2-way at District level, etc., to be undertaken by ISRO. The CEC authorized Secretary, Panchayati Raj to finalize the costs for each State based on revised proposal from ISRO and the MoPR can go ahead with release of funds on IFD's concurrence. The progress on this will be intimated to CEC in its next meeting.
- The 13 States that were identified for funding in 2015-16 were as under:
  - Group 1: Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Punjab.
  - Group 2: Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand.
  - Group 3: Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh.
- Discussions to be held again with ISRO at Secretary level for 'turnkey support'.
- ISRO's revised proposal to be discussed with States again to check willingness.
- Studios to be setup in States at SIRD&PR or other locations as desired by States.
- ISRO to ensure that sufficient bandwidth is always available to District/Block Panchayats for undertaking training programmes. Procedure for introducing an additional channel to be clearly defined for States.
- NIC can provide bandwidth for 2 way interactive terminals at District level.
- NIC can also use the DIOs/DIAs at District level to provide troubleshooting support.
- The SATCOM facilities would be a State level infrastructure and hence could also be used by other line departments in the State.
- Civil infrastructure like building, power, AC, furniture, etc. would made available in States.
- Once all details are finalized, MoPR will enter into a tri-partite agreement with ISRO and the States.

**Agenda Item No-2**

**Additional expenses incurred by NIELT towards basic computer course -Release of funds to NIELIT**

Additional Secretary, MoPR informed in the meeting that due to reduction of the budget at RE stage, funds could not be released under RGPSA to NIELIT towards providing basic computer trainings to ERs and PFs. Hence, Ministry had provided an interim approval to NIELIT to utilize the unutilized funds towards initiating training of 1.5 lakh ERs and PFs in FY 2015-16.

In view of the position brought out regarding requirement of the above training ,the CEC approved the release of Rs 41,59,156/- (already incurred by over and above the amount previously released by MoPR), from the funds available under RGPSA in FY 2015-16.

### **Agenda Item -3**

**The CEC considered the proposals of the State/UT of Uttarakhand and Chandigarh respectively and approved with some modifications as under:**

S.L No.	State/UTs	Approved Cost
1	Uttarakhand <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activities to be under taken with unspent Balance</li><li>• (Committed Liabilities + New Activities) to be under taken in the current financial year 2015-16</li></ul>	In lakh 1053.48+ 1259.665=2313.145
2	Chandigarh	192.07

The details of the activities of State/UT as approved by CEC are given in annex-II (a &b)

### **Agenda Item-4**

**Proposal of Bihar for approval of utilization of unspent balance of previous year release under RGPSA towards GPDP training the current year**

CEC was informed that the state govt. of Bihar has requested for in principle concurrence/No objection for utilized the unspent balance of Rs 72.00 Cr released during the previous financial year towards training activities relating to GPDP. The state Govt. has contended that for meaningful utilization of the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance commission grant in the effective manner, there was strong need to prepare Gram Panchayat Development Plan for each Gram Panchayats. As such kind of activity required a lot of capacity building for each level of administration, state has proposed for convergence of planning process as well as planning exercise to be carried out by JEEVIKA, Rural Development department, and by Panchayati Raj department respectively. Therefore, state has proposed to incur the expenditure for the same purpose through unspent balance with State under RGPSA Scheme.

In view of the facts brought out above, CEC agreed to the proposal of state Govt. for incurring expenditure for GPDP training from the unspent balance of Rs. 72 Cr. available with the State under RGPSA. The State would be asked to give details of the training proposed in the next CEC.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the chair.

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**State- Uttarakhand**

**GPDP**

- State informed that State would utilize the NRLM human resources in GPDP in situation analysis, data analysis, and need assessment.
- To broaden the resource envelope of the GP, some of the State Sponsored Schemes like Mera Gaon Meri Sarak, Charagaah Vikas Yojna, Gramin Prayatan Utthan Yojna, Gramin Talab Yojna, Funds from SCP/TSP, Panchayat Ghar Nirman from State Sector and funds from Centrally Sponsored Schemes like NHM, SBM 'MP/ MLA lead Fund' would be converged in GPDP.
- The convergences of funds of line Departments would be placed before high powered Committee at the State level.

**RGPSA Activities**

- The state informed that during the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 total amounts released under RGPSA Rs.2750.97 lakh- and spent was Rs.1697.72 lakh including state share. Total unspent balance reported by state is Rs 1053.25 lakh (central share) including Rs 263.30 lakh (State Share)
- State informed that Major items of expenditure were Construction & Repair of PB, Construction of BLRC and DPRC, Computer and Capacity Building.
- State informed that around three hundred computers have been installed in the panchayats where internet connectivity and electricity are available and action was being taken to purchase the remaining.
  
- Regarding the proposal for SATCOM, it was informed that the Ministry is coordinating with ISRO for providing SATCOM centrally, and hence State proposal was not considered.
- State was informed that the cost of DPMU and SPMU need to be subsumed under DPRCs and SPRC.
- State gave the break up of activities to be undertaken out of the unspent balance as under:

**Details of activities approved under RGPSA Uttarakhand 2015-16.**

Following are the activities state proposed to be incurred with unspent balance

(In lakh)

S.L NO.	Head	No.. Participants	Balance amount to be utilized in 2015-16	Remark
	<b>CB&amp;T</b>			
1	GP -President	7961	83.59 (@ 350* 7961* 3)	CEC Approved
2	GP -Members	53039	556.90 (@ 350* 53039* 3)	CEC Approved
3	GP Functionaries	1175	12.337 (@ 350* 1175* 3)	CEC Approved
4	BP-President	95	1.42 (@ 500* 95* 3)	CEC Approved
5	BP - Members	3167	47.50 (@ 500* 3167* 3)	CEC Approved
6	BP Functionaries	378	5.67 (@500*378* 3)	CEC Approved
7	ZP -President	13	.27 (@700*13* 3)	CEC Approved
8	ZP Members	418	8.7 (@700*418* 3)	CEC Approved
9	ZP Functionaries	534	11.21 (@700*534* 3)	CEC Approved
	<b>Total CB&amp;T</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>464.26-727.70 = 263.44</b>	
2	Purchase of Computer		364.00	CEC Approved
3	Reparing of Panchayat Bhawans		166.00	CEC Approved
4	Tech and administrative support		4.16	CEC Approved
5	Institutional Structure for training: Recurring cost		9.30	CEC Approved
6	IEC activities		20.06	CEC Approved
7	Programme Management		25.70	CEC Approved
	Total		1053.48	

**Liabilities of Previous Year: Capacity Building of Elected Representatives in Three-tier Panchayats**

(In lakh)

Sl. No	Particulars	Amount sought for	Remarks CEC
1	Training/Capacity Building of Elected Representatives	<b>263.44</b>	Approved

2	Development of Training Material/ Books for Training	10.00	Approved with in the upper limit
3	Evaluation by Questionnaires of Training Given to Elected Representatives	5.00	Approved as the amount sought for per participant is less than the prescribed cost
4	02 days Computer Training of 500 Elected Representatives ( ` 500 per person)	5.00	Approved
5	02 days Exposure Visit within State for 100 Female and 50 Male Elected Representatives ( ` 2000 per person)	6.00	Approved
6	05 days Exposure Visit of Excellent States (e.g. Kerala, Karnataka etc) for 100 Female and 100 Male Elected Representatives ( ` 35000 per person)	70.00	Approved.
7	SATCOM Establishment of 02 SATCOM Approved in 2014-15	20.00	Ministry is coordinating with ISRO for providing funds centrally. Not approved
8	IEC		amount indiated in overall total
9	Programme Management		Amount indicated in overall total
	<b>Total</b>	<b>369.44</b>	

### Plan 2015-16

(In lakh)

SI No.	Component	Activity	Amount	Remark
1	Training of trainers (TOT)	02 days training to 600 Trainers @ ` 1850 per person per day.	22.00	CEC Approved
2	Faculty	Positioning of 12 faculty, 06 support staff and 02 District training co-ordinator (@ 15000/-, @20,000, @ 20,000 respectively for 3 months	--	CEC decided recurring cost for 3 months. Approved. Subsumed under SPMU and DPMU(col. No.6-7)
3	Institutional Infrastructure	Extension centre of UIRD & PR (SPRC) for the Garhwal region.	100.00	Approved subject to being developed as DPRC.
4	DPRC	02 DPRCs @ 50 lakh per unit	100.00	Approved
5	BLRC	05 BLRCs @ 10 lakh per unit	50.00	Not approved

<b>6</b>	SPMU	SPRC	10.00	Approved - to be Subsumed under SPRC recurring cost
<b>7</b>	DPMU	DPRCs	32.5	Approved - to be Subsumed under DPRCs recurring cost. 2.5 lakh per DPRC for 13 DPRCs
<b>8</b>	GPDP-CB&T	In accordance with FFC, CB&T and other activities under GPDP	454.715	Approved (see annex-A)
<b>9</b>	SATCOM	45 SATCOM system in first phase as against total of 95 block Panchayats	<b>450.00</b>	Not approved
<b>10</b>	PMU e panchayat	SPMU and DPMU State GP Planning Unit / Resources at State District & Blocks for a period of 3 Months (1 PM +3 Consultant at State, 1 Consultant at Districts, 5 DEO for Planning activity and preparation of plans on Plan Plus for – e panchayat	<b>99.72</b>	CEC Approved
	Total	<b>818.935</b>		
		Total <b>(818.935 new plan +369.44 carry over activity)</b>	1188.375	
	IEC	01 percent as per guidelines	11.88	
	Programme Management	05 percent as per guidelines	59.41	
		<b>Total Cost of Project</b>	<b>1259.665</b>	

**Annexure-1 Breakup of the training activities**

(In lakh)

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>1</b>	State level workshop of (24 Sect. & Ad. Sect. from PR & line depts. + 26 HoD's& State officers from PR & line depts.= 50 resources for all line departments @ 50*1850= 92,500	<b>0.92</b> (@ 50*185	<b>Approved</b>
<b>2</b>	Two Resource on Planning from experience Planning experts for the Workshops (3 Days)	<b>1.00</b> @ 2*3*10000=60,000 +TA / DA @ 40000 =1,00,000	<b>Approved</b>
<b>3</b>	2Days ToT at SIRD for all District / Blocks	<b>10.545</b> @ 2*3*95*1850	<b>Approved</b>
<b>4</b>	District Workshop training for (300 for 1 day)	2.25 @ 1*300*750*1	<b>Approved</b>
<b>5</b>	3 Days training at 95 Block level including the GP resources on village lever functional trainings with a cluster of 10 GP's on 800 training Programs of about 25 persons 800 clusters	300.00 @ 500*25* 800*3	<b>Approved</b>
<b>6</b>	GP level Planning activities at GP's <b>includes 25 resources from around 10GPs) for 2 days@ Rs 350-00/day at GP level</b>	140.00 @350* 25*800*2	
<b>7</b>	Mis. Cost for documentation and monitoring activities	13.00	<b>Not approved – to be brought into training costs sanctioned</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>454.71</b>	



**UT-Chandigarh****GRANTS-IN-AID TO CHANDIGARH UNDER RGPSA ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2015-16.****Details of activities approved under RGPSA CHANDIGARH Annual plan for 2015-16.**

Sl.No.	Activity details	Unit Cost (In Rs.)	No. of personnel	Funds required for 2015- 16 (in Rs.)	CEC Decisions in its meeting on 04.01.2016
1.	Administrative & Technical Support				
a.	PDO	Rs. 21,138/- per PDO	05	12,68,280/-	The rural population of UT is 80000 as such it is entitled for Rs. 48 lakhs (80000x5x12) towards A&T support. Since the UT has sought to engage PDO for cluster of GPs and DEO in ten GPs, the financial implication comes to 35.94 lakh for 12 months. AS this is within the prescribed limit under A&T support, this has been approved by CEC.
b.	Data Entry Operator	Rs. 16,380/- per DEO	10	19,65,600/-	
c.	Clerk	Rs. 16,380/- per Clerk	12	Not Approved	
d.	JE	Rs. 30,000/- per JE	01	3,60,000/-	Approved.
	Total (1)			Rs. 35,93,880/- or say Rs.35.93 lakh	
2	Construction and Repair of Gram Panchayat Bhawan				
a.	Construction of GP Building	15.00 lakh	06	22.80 lakh	The UT representative

					stated that they do not receive funds under MGNREGS. Keeping aforesaid fact in view, the CEC approved construction of 06 GP Buildings @ Rs 15.00 lakh per GP having population > 5000 persons. Note : The funds will be restricted to 25% of total approved plan for construction of GP Ghars as per guidelines) (Total approved plan 1+3= Rs. 91.21 lakh)
b.	Repair of existing Panchayat Building	15.00 lakh	04	Not approved	
	Total(2)			22.80 lakh	
<b>3</b>	<b>Capacity Building &amp; Training</b>				
		Number	Unit cost	Total (In Rs.)	
a	Training to ZP Members/ Functionaries	10 participants for 10 days	Rs. 750/-	Rs. 75,000/-	CEC approved this component.
b	Panchayat Samiti Members/ Functionaries	15 participants for 10 days	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 75,000/-	
c.	Gram Panchayat Members/ Functionaries	144 participants for 10 days	Rs. 350/-	Rs. 50,40,000/-	
d.	Exposure visits	169 participants	Rs. 2000/- per day	Rs. 3,38,000/-	
	Total (3)			Rs. 55,28,000/- or say Rs. 55.28 lakh	
4	E-enablement (purchase of computers, printers, internet & website provision for GPs)	-	-	12,00,000/-	Not Approved. The UT may access funds from other sources.

	Total			114.02 lakh	
12	IEC- 1%			1.14 lakh	
13	PMU- 5%			5.70 lakh	
	<b>Grand Total (1-13)</b>				
	<b>Central share</b>			<b>120.86</b>	

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**List of participants**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Sh. S.M. Vijayanand	Secretary, MoPR
2.	Sh. A.K. Goyal	Additional Secretary, MoPR
3.	Smt. Rashmi Shukla Sharma	Additional Secretary (RGPSA), MoPR
4.	Dr. Dvijendra Kumar Sharma	Joint Secretary , MoPR
5.	Smt. Sarada Muraleedharan	Joint Secretary, MoPR
6.	Smt. Nirmala Buch	President, Mahila Chetna Manch, Bhopal
7.	Dr. Meenakshi Sundaram	Vice Chairpersons, MYRADA
8.	Shri Sanjeev Tomar	Pradhan, Baghat, Uttar Pradesh
9.	Shri K. Narsimha	Secretary, Chandigarh
10.	D.P. Devrani	Joint Director (PR), Uttarakhand
11.	H. Rayapha	Dy. Director, SCA, ISRO
12.	Urvashi Prasad	Consultant, NPMU, MoDW&S
13.	Dr. Gangadhara Murugani	National Resource Centre, MoDW&S
14.	R.S. Mani	Sr. Technical Director
15.	D.C. Misra	DDG
16.	Rama Hariharan	Sr. Technical Director
17.	Sushil Kumar	Director
18.	Dilip Kumar Pal	Special Secretary
19.	Shri S.K. Upadhyay	Under Secretary (RGPSA), MoPR
20.	Shri Abhay Garg	Section officer (RGPSA), MoPR
21.	S.K. Mahapatra	SO