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Subject: Participatory Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) - October 2 to December 31, 2018

Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware Gram Panchayats initiate the process of preparing Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for the next Financial Year from 2nd October of the current year. To make this process effective, in partnership with State and Local Governments, and utilizing the funds under the newly approved Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) Scheme, we would like this to be a completely participatory process. For doing so, it is important to space out the Gram Sabha meetings between October 2 to December 31, 2018. This will enable mandatory participation and presentation by key functionary of all the 29 transferred subjects under Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution before the Gram Panchayat.

2. As preparatory work we are providing for basic social and economic assessment of every Gram Panchayat as done for Mission Antyodaya Gram Panchayats by State and Local Governments. Using all available information from the Census 2011, Socio Economic Census (SECC) 2011 and databases of all concerned programmes, it is possible to provide a background ranking for every Gram Panchayat in the field of infrastructure, human development and economic activity. Based on these gap assessments, a Gram Panchayat can focus the Gram Sabha meeting on bridging these gaps effectively.

3. I am enclosing a detailed PowerPoint Presentation made on the subject for your suggestions. Copies of this letter are also being sent to concerned Ministries in Government of India for full public disclosure of Gram Panchayat wise of interventions being made. Copies are also marked to Principal Secretaries of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RD&PR) Departments, Commissioners of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), and Directors of State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) of all States/UTs. The intention is to involve women Community Resource Persons (CRPs) from Self Help Groups (SHGs) and trained Social Auditors as facilitators for the Gram Sabha meeting. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj shall develop a portal on the lines of the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (GSA) portal where follow up on the GPDP planning of each and every Gram Panchayat could be done.

4. To promote public information, a Public Information Board is also proposed through State and Local Governments with assured funding from Central Schemes, where full information could be provided to villagers about initiatives. Gram Samvaad is already providing such information for Rural Development Programmes through an App.

5. The timeline for effective roll-out of preparatory work for Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) is provided in one of the slides enclosed. It is as follows:-

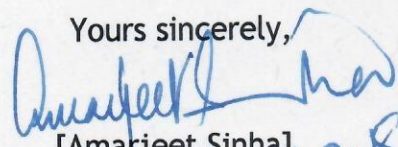
Sl	Timelines	Date
(i)	Letter to Chief Secretaries, Secretaries (PR & RD) of all States/UTs	13 th August 2018
(ii)	Pre populating PlanPlus.	30 th August 2018
(iii)	EFMS/PFMS/PRIASoft/Geo-tagging	30 th Sept 2018
(iv)	Panchayat Quarterly Magazine despatched	25 th August 2018
(v)	Training Module for PRIs/SHGs ready	30 th August 2018
(vi)	Roll out of Facilitators Training Module	30 th August 2018
(vii)	Appointment of Facilitators for every Gram Panchayat	10 th Sept 2018
(viii)	Gram Sabha wise Calendar of Events uploaded	10 th Sept 2018
(ix)	Illustrative Gram Sabha meeting schedule finalized	30 th August 2018
(x)	Public Information Boards in every GP on all Programs	15 th Sept 2018
(xi)	Deployment order for Gram Sabha meeting issued	15 th Sept 2018

6. This is to urge you for an early review on the GPDP preparatory work to make it a truly participatory process if preparations are in accordance with timelines mentioned, I am certain it will improve the Community Connect of programmes manifold.

7. I seek your leadership and guidance for effective roll-out of the participatory GPDP process from October 2 to December 31, 2018. This would be one of the finest tributes to Mahatma Gandhi as we enter on October 2, the 150th year celebration of his anniversary.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


[Amarjeet Sinha]
12 August 2018

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1. The Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs.
2. The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries (Rural Development & Panchayati Raj) of all States/UTs.
3. The Commissioners of MGNREGS of all States/UTs.
4. The Directors of State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) of all States/UTs.
5. The Directors of State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs).
6. The Director General/DDGs of NIRD&PR, Hyderabad.