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Dear Ma'am/Sir,

As you are aware that thematic approach has been adopted to Localise Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) through Panchayati Raj Institutions. Accordingly, Gram Panchayat Development Plans are also being prepared adopting thematic approach based on the **Sankalp** taken by the Gram Panchayats for the financial year 2023-24. As on date, 2,53,668 Gram Panchayats have taken their Sankalps.

2. As reiterated time and again, the goals on these themes to be attained by 2030 in graduated manner by embracing following approach: (i) convergence of all flagship schemes at GP level, (ii) thematic saturation in time bound manner and (iii) usage of digital technology for ensuring transparency and accountability. Accordingly, it is again reiterated that all the activities to be implemented in a GP under flagship schemes of Central and State Governments to be included in thematic GPDP, so that comprehensive GPDP could be prepared adopting saturation approach.

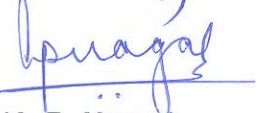
3. It is imperative to note that saturating these Sankalps will require physical as well as financial commitments. Accordingly, validations were put in eGram Swaraj application wherein at least 50% of untied funds shall be allocated and utilised in prioritised Sankalp themes.

4. It is understood that, at times, the basic requirements/concerns of Gram Panchayats may supersede the Sankalp priorities. In such a situation, Gram Panchayats have been given the freedom to amend their Sankalps in the respective theme and allocate its budget accordingly. Also, it is pertinent to note that 'no cost' activities also play a critical role in saturation of desired theme, hence their value shouldn't be undermined.

5. Since this is the first year of the LSDGs based thematic planning, as an exception, the Ministry has brought down the percentage of untied budget restriction in Sankalp themes to a minimum of 25%. You are requested to sensitize the District and Block Panchayat administration for overseeing the Gram Panchayat Development Plans that are either under preparation or published, for mid-course correction if the need arises.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,


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To
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