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Subject: Minutes of the First Central Empowered Committee Meeting of Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) for the Financial Year 2025-26 held on 7th April, 2025-regarding.

Please find attached herewith a copy of the minutes of First Central Empowered Committee Meeting of Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) for the Financial Year 2025-26 held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj on 7th April, 2025 at Chandigarh, Punjab. The Annual Action Plan of 6 States namely Haryana, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Mizoram and West Bengal are reviewed alongwith other Central Agenda were considered in the meeting.

2. This is for information and necessary action.



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To,

- 1) The Chairperson and members of the Committee.
- 2) To all the participating States.

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- 1) O/o Secretary Panchayati Raj.
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Minutes of the 1st Central Empowered Committee (CEC) meeting of Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) during 2025-26 held on 7th April, 2025

The 1st meeting of Central Empowered Committee (CEC) of Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) for the year 2025-26 was held on 7th April, 2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj in Chandigarh. The list of Participants is at **Annexure-A**.

2. Welcoming the Secretary, MoPR/Chairman of the CEC, Members of CEC and the representatives from State/UT, Additional Secretary (CB), MoPR/Member Secretary briefly shared the agenda of Annual Action Plan received from the Haryana.

3. The Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Chairman of the Central Empowered Committee in his opening remarks stated that the Panchayats represent the third tier of governance, alongside the Central and State Governments. As institutions that directly engage with citizens at the grassroots level, Panchayats play a pivotal role in the democratic framework of the country. Their proximity to rural communities positions them uniquely to identify local needs, implement development initiatives, and ensure effective delivery of essential public services. Therefore, the efficient and accountable functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) is not only vital for achieving inclusive rural development but also for deepening participatory democracy. Strengthening the institutional, financial, and administrative capacities of Panchayats is, thus, a fundamental prerequisite for sustainable growth in rural India. The CEC meeting has been scheduled in such a way that facilitates cross-learning as States from different regions are participating.

4. The Chairman informed the States that the Ministry has formulated a sub-scheme under the RGSA for enhancing Own Sources of Revenues (OSR). This shall be available to Gram Panchayats with an annual OSR of at least Rs.50 lakhs and Block Panchayats with an annual OSR of at least Rs.1 crore. The States shall invite proposals for projects to enhance OSR from all the eligible PRIs. The best 25 proposals shall be forwarded to the Ministry after careful scrutiny by the State Government on the parameters of technical and financial viability, innovativeness and impact. The

Ministry shall in the 1st year support 10 such proposals from each State for technical assistance in formulating detailed project reports for accessing funds on commercial terms from financial institutions. The assistance shall extend to handholding the PRI for effective implementation of the projects.

5. Central Agenda:

5.1 A Central agenda i.e. *“Engagement of manpower/ Consultants for PESA Cell under the NPMU of Revamped Rashtriya Gram Abhiyan Scheme (RGSA) for the FY 2025-26 and thereafter”* was placed before CEC for consideration and approval.

5.2 CEC was apprised that the Ministry has set up a PESA Cell to expedite the implementation of the PESA Act and to oversee PESA training, PESA dashboard management, PESA GPDP, activity mapping dashboard management and policy aspects relating to PESA and Article 243 of the Constitution etc. with four consultants with the Annual financial implication of Rs. 49.20 lakhs for the FY 2025-26.

5.3 Approval Sought: CEC was requested for the approval of Rs. 49.20 lakhs for the FY 2025-26 for the payment of remuneration of the consultants engaged under PESA Cell and to approve tentative amounts of Rs. 55.20 lakhs for FY 2026-27, Rs. 57.60 lakhs for FY 2027-28, Rs. 60 lakhs for FY 2028-29 and Rs. 62.40 lakhs for FY 2029-30 for the payment of remuneration subject to the PESA Cell, Guidelines, Terms & Condition and Offer letter, NPMU-RGSA Guidelines and extension of Revamped RGSA Scheme after FY 2025-26.

5.4 CEC decision: CEC considered the proposal and accorded approval for the *“Engagement of manpower/ Consultants for PESA Cell under the NPMU of Revamped Rashtriya Gram Abhiyan Scheme (RGSA) for the FY 2025-26 and thereafter”* with the financial implication of Rs. 49.20 lakhs for the FY 2025-26 and thereafter as mentioned in para 3.3 above subject to continuation of the scheme of RGSA.

6. State Agenda: CEC considered the Annual Action Plans of the States of Haryana.

6.1 Haryana: Annual Action Plan 2025-26

6.1.1 The Annual Action Plan (AAP) of Haryana for the Financial Year 2025-26, was considered. The State had submitted an AAP amounting to Rs. 397.45 cr. which included Capacity Building and Training (CB&T) of 1,97,597 participants. The implementation status of RGSA during 2024-25 in the State of Haryana was reviewed by CEC and it was observed that only 8.99 % of the targeted trainings have been achieved in the last Financial Year. The Chairman of the Committee expressed displeasure on the status of implementation of RGSA in the State.

6.1.2 Subsequently, a detailed presentation was made by the representative of the State Government regarding the training infrastructure, training materials, and other initiatives developed by the State. The presentation also covered the progress made under various components of RGSA approved for 2024-25, along with the proposal for the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for 2025-26. However, due to under achievement reported by the State in certain components of RGSA, the Committee accorded in-principle approval for the proposed activities under the AAP 2025-26, amounting to ₹206.00 crore, with following observations:

- i. **Capacity Building & Training (CB&T):** The proposal for training of 30000 Self-Help Groups members for LSDGs & the training of Sarpanches, Gram Sachivs, JEs for raising Awareness on Cyber Security, Digital Frauds etc. were not approved as alternative sources of funds are available. Thus, the proposed number of persons to be trained under this component was reduced to 148794 from 197597.
- ii. **Exposure Visit:** The State has proposed 6555 Exposure visits within state and 6600 visits outside the state. The Committee reviewed their past performance and recommended 4000 visits within state and 4500 visits outside the state to Haryana.
- iii. **Management Development Program:** The State has proposed 660 Leadership Management Development Program @ 30 Participants/per District to be conducted in- partnership with IIM Rohtak. The Committee reviewed their past performance and recommended 330 MDP Trainings @15 participants/per District to Haryana.

- iv. **Construction of DPRCs:** The State has proposed the construction of 10 new DPRCs in 10 Districts of Haryana. The Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended the constructions of 4 new DPRCs at Ambala, Bhiwani, Karnal, and Panipat in the State.
- v. **Panchayat Infrastructure:** The State proposed for construction of 1000 Panchayat Bhavans and co-location of CSCs in their AAP. The Committee examined the proposal and approved the constructions of 509 PBs and CSC co-location as carryover activities, due to lack of significant progress last year.
- vi. **E-enablement:** The State proposed purchase of 5596 computers & accessories. However, the Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended the procurement of 1363 computers @Rs.78000/- as carryover activities, as no procurement was made last year.

6.1.3 The Chairman observed that Gram Panchayat Bhavans are at times constructed at locations which are far from the inhabited areas of villages or not centrally located in the Gram Panchayat. This undermines the effectiveness of the office. He therefore, requested that adequate attention may be paid to the location of Gram Panchayat Bhavan newly sanctioned / carried over from the last year. He further requested that every Gram Panchayat Bhavan should have a conference room to conducting meetings and trainings.

While city roads in the country have names, village roads don't. It is for this reason that roads are constructed / repaired between coordinates like house of X to house of Y. It is essential that this practice be examined because it is possible that only a part of the road may be constructed or repaired. SVAMITVA can greatly facilitate identification of village roads in terms of numerals or names or any other system which the States may decide. The Chairman requested the States to take up this initiative as a challenge.

The Chairman suggested Haryana to develop projects related to Water Harvesting or Water rejuvenation and submit the same to MoPR for consideration under Innovative projects.

6.1.4 The Committee accorded in-principle approval for an amount of ₹214.86 crore under the AAP 2025-26, subject to a cap of 25% of the approved plan outlay. Additionally, the Committee suggested the State to complete the training of at least 25% of the approved participants i.e., 37,199 out of the total 1,48,794 participants sanctioned in the AAP by July 30, 2025. The State has been requested to submit a progress report by the first week of August 2025 for further consideration and final approval of the AAP.

6.1.5 The budget summary of the Annual Action Plan of the State of Haryana is **at Annexure- I.**

Budget Summary of Annual Action Plan for Haryana (2025-26)

		(Rs. in Crore)
Sl. No.	Component	Amount approved by CEC
1	Capacity Building & Training	
i	Refresher Training (71455 Participants)	15.96
ii	Training on Panchayat Development Plan (11634 Participants)	1.35
iii	Thematic Training (13346 Participants)	3.53
	Specialized Training (50915 Participants)	10.22
v	Any other Training (1444 Participants)	0.94
	Total Participants = 148794 Sub-total of CB&T	32.00
2	Other activities under Capacity Building & Training	
i	Development of Training Modules	0.10
ii	Training need Assessment	0.10
iii	Development of Training Material including film and electronic material	0.20
iv	Evaluation of Capacity Building & Training Activities	0.10
vi	Exposure visits within State (For 4000 Participants for 1 days)	1.40
v	Exposure visits outside State (For 4500 Participants for 5 Days)	11.25
vi	Handholding support for GPDP formulation (330 GPs)	0.66
vii	Development of Panchayat Learning Centre (PLC) for 22 PLCs	1.54
viii	Leadership Management Development Program (330*5days @ Rs. 10,000 Per Person Per day)	1.65
	Sub-total(CB&T)	17.00
	Total of CB&T (1+2)	49.00
3	Institutional Infrastructure (Construction)	
i	Construction of DPRC (4 New Construction @ Rs.)	8.00
	Sub-Total of Institutional Infrastructure	8.00
4	Institutional Infrastructure (Recurring Cost)	
i	SPRC Recurring Cost (9 Staff)	0.84
ii	DPRC Recurring Cost (2 Staffs each at 22 DPRCs)	2.81
iii	Hiring for Training Infrastructure & Equipments at District level	0.50
iv	Hiring for Training Infrastructure & Equipments at Block level	0.23
	Sub Total of Institutional Infrastructure	4.38
	Total of Institutional Infrastructure (3+4)	12.38
5	Support for Panchayat Infrastructure	
i	Construction of Panchayat Bhawan (509 Carryover)	101.80
ii	Co-location of CSC in Panchayat Bhawan – (509 Carryover)	25.45
	Total of Panchayat Infrastructure	127.25
6	Programme Management Unit (PMU)	

i	State Programme Management Unit (1 SPMU, 3 Staffs)	0.26
ii	District Programme Management Unit (22 DPMU, 44 Staffs)	2.38
iii	Block Programme Management Unit (143 BPMU, 143 Staffs)	5.15
	Total of PMU	7.79
7	E-enablement of Panchayats	
i	Computer and Accessories (Printer, Scanner and UPS) (1363 Units @ Rs.78,000/-) Carryover	10.63
ii	IP based technology or any other mode of technology for distance learning facility(for 5 DPRCs and 31 Block Offices)	0.54
	Total of E-enablement of Panchayats	11.17
	Sub Total (S. No 1 to 7)	207.59
8	IEC (Upto 2% of the approved plan size)	4.15
9	PMU (Upto 1.5% of the approved plan size)	3.11
	Total Plan size	214.86

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List of participants of 1st Meeting of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) of the Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan held on 07th April, 2025 at Hyatt Centric, Chandigarh, Punjab

Participants from Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR):

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Vivek Bharadwaj	Chairperson & Secretary
2	Shri Sushil Kumar Lohani	Additional Secretary
3	Shri Vipul Ujwal	Director
4	Shri Ramit Maurya	Director
5	Shri Ram Pratap	Director
6	Sh. Sunil Kumar Meena,	Deputy Secretary
7	Shri Pankaj Kumar	Under Secretary
8	Shri Tara Chandar	Under Secretary

Participants from Line Ministry:

Sl. No.	Name	Ministry/Organization/State
1.	Shri Ram Avtar Meena	Director, Ministry of Rural Development

Participants from State:

1	Haryana	Sh. Saket Kumar	Commissioner and Secretary to Govt of Haryana
2	Haryana	Sh. Dusmanta Kumar Behera	Director General
3	Haryana	Dr. Virender Singh Chauhan	Director, Haryana Institute Of Rural Development
4	Haryana	Sh. Veenus Nathalia	Nodal Officer, RGSA
5	Haryana	Ms. Meenu	State Project Manager, RGSA
6	Haryana	Sh. Anjani Rajesh	Consultant, SPRC

