



D. O. No. M-11015/159/2019-CB

Dated: 18th August, 2020

Dear *Shri Rai,*

As you are aware, Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been mandated for the preparation of plans for economic development and social justice. It may also be recalled that the Ministry of Panchayati Raj in collaboration with State Governments, Line Departments and other stakeholders rolled out the People's Plan Campaign - '**Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas**' in 2018 and 2019. During both campaigns, structured Gram Sabha meetings were held for preparing Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) for the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively.

2. In this connection, I would like to congratulate all the State Governments, particularly the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Departments of States, for successfully completing all the activities of the Campaign right from appointment of Nodal Officers and facilitators at appropriate levels to uploading of final GPDPs in PlanPlus and submission of report by facilitators. Further, during interaction through Video Conference held on 10th August, 2020, it emerged that despite the continuing emergent situation due to COVID 19 pandemic, States/UTs were in favour of continuing the PPC Campaign this year as well to maintain the momentum and to provide sustainability to GPDP formulation.

3. Accordingly, the Ministry has decided to continue the campaign during the current year as well from **2nd October, 2020 to 31st January, 2021**. A brief roll out plan for preparatory works for GPDP is as under:-

Sl.	Timelines	Date
1.	Roll out of Master Trainers Training	25 th August, 2020
2.	Appointment of Nodal Officers (State, District & Block levels) and Registration on web portal by all the nodal officers	05 th September, 2020
3.	Uploading of Gram Sabha meetings schedule	10 th September, 2020
4.	Pre populating PlanPlus	30 th August, 2020
5.	Appointment of facilitators for every Gram Panchayats	10 th September, 2020
6.	Roll out of facilitators training	18 th September, 2020
7.	Completion of Mission Antyodaya Survey in all GPs	20 th September, 2020
8.	Appointment of frontline workers of line departments for Gram Sabha meetings	25 th September, 2020
9.	Display of Public Information Board in every GP and uploading of geo-tagged photographs on the portal	25 th September, 2020
10.	Uploading Geo-tagged visuals of Gram Sabha meetings	Immediately after conducting GS meeting
11.	Publishing of approved plan on PlanPlus application	31 st January, 2020

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4. However, due to COVID-19 pandemic it is important that all activities relating to preparation and finalization of GPDP for the year 2021-22 are undertaken with full adherence to COVID 19 appropriate behaviour. This would involve, inter alia, maintenance of 'do gaj ki doori', covering of face with appropriate face cover or face mask and ensuring strict sanitation and hygiene protocol by participants at meeting venue. This can be facilitated if consultations among members of the Gram Sabha are held in smaller groups. Accordingly, Gram Sabha meetings should be preceded by meetings of 'Bal Sabha', 'Mahila Sabha', apart from 'Ward Sabha' to facilitate enumeration and articulation of demands of children and women among others. This would ensure wider participation in the planning process. Outcomes of these meetings could be presented in formal meeting of the Gram Sabha wherein the GPDP would be finalized. This would ensure participatory planning in true sense for formulation of inclusive and holistic GPDPs for overall growth of Panchayats and citizens. Gram Panchayats should also be urged to adopt a resolution and goals for themselves - **Sankalp** and **Lakshya** – especially with regard to Education, Health & Nutrition goals.

5. It may be noted that in exceptional cases, keeping in view the strict timelines of the People's Plan Campaign, the approval of GPDPs may be obtained through meeting of Elected Representatives of respective Gram Panchayats. However, *ex-post-facto* approval of Gram Sabha would need to be obtained as soon as the local conditions permit.

6. I do hope that the experience gained during the last two campaigns would provide the necessary stimulus in implementing this campaign more efficiently and vigorously by all the stakeholders. I shall be grateful if you could kindly provide leadership and guidance to the concerned authorities of your State for the roll out of the People's Plan Campaign – 2020 for formulation of GPDPs for 2021-22 by Gram Panchayats from 2nd October to 31st January, 2021. I would also like to inform you that a Campaign Booklet, as was done during previous versions of PPC, having all the relevant information of the campaign and for providing hand holding support to all Stakeholders shall be shared by the Ministry soon. The State Government may disseminate the same after translating it into their vernacular language among all stakeholders.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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