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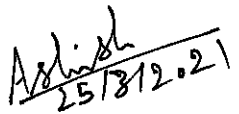
**Subject: Minutes of Virtual Second Meeting of the Performance Review Committee  
(PRC) for 2020-21 held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February,2021 - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose the minutes of the Second Meeting of Performance Review Committee (PRC) for 2020-21 held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February,2021 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Rural Development, for necessary action.

This issue with the approval of the competent authority.

Encls: As above

  
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**Minutes of Virtual Meeting of  
Second Performance Review Committee (PRC)**



**3<sup>rd</sup> February,2021**

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**Minutes of Virtual Second Meeting of the Performance Review Committee (PRC) for 2020-21 held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development**

The second meeting of the Performance Review Committee 2020-21 was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Rural Development on 3.2.2021 with the States/ UTs through Video conferencing. At the outset, Additional Secretary (RD) welcomed all the participants and praised all the states for their efforts in implementing the schemes/ programmes of rural development. Thereafter, Additional Secretary (RD) requested Secretary (RD) to give key note address to the participants and to start the scheme-wise discussion of the meeting.

Secretary, RD in his key note address welcomed all the participants and mentioned about the achievements made by the different Programme Divisions and applauded the efforts put in by the Officers of the Ministry and States/ UTs for implementation of the schemes of the Department. He further stated that there are some areas which need attention to bring in more transparency and better implementation of the RD schemes.

During his key note address, it was noticed that the officers of many States/UTs joined the VC late. In some States, very junior officers joined the meeting. SRD asked that the States Principal Secretaries should not take the PRC meetings casually and should attend the meeting. He requested all to give their ideas and thoughts during the meeting for better implementation of the programmes of rural development.

The scheme-wise discussions held and the decisions taken are as given from the next page: -

## **1. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS):**

In the welcome address, Secretary, Rural Development (SRD) made special mention of 311.69 crore person-days generated against highest ever allocation of 339 crore person-days and congratulated officers of MoRD and State Governments for this. He emphasized to States/ UTs to focus on timely regeneration of rejected transactions and ensure rational distribution of funds at District/ Block/ Gram Panchayat (GP) level to enable proportionate maintenance of wage and material ratio. Further, he reiterated on enhancing transparency and accountability through conduct of social audits of all the GPs, appointment of Ombudsperson in all the Districts, timely disposal of public grievances and submission of Action Taken Report (ATR) on published newspaper articles. He also mentioned that the PFMS implementation has been made mandatory by the Ministry of Finance which all States may duly comply for uninterrupted fund flow and soon to be launched Inspection application and attendance monitoring application (National Mobile Monitoring System) may be utilized by Officers for effective monitoring on the field.

2. Sh. Rohit Kumar, Joint Secretary (RE), in his presentation flagged the performance of all states/ UTs on focus areas of the scheme and key indicators of the programme. He also lauded the efforts of the States/UTs in implementation of the programme during this period which has resulted in record generation of person days in the year 2020-21. JS (RE) further drew attention of the States on the following points: -

- I. **Wage-Material Ratio-** JS(RE) stated that the States/ UTs are required to maintain the statutory wage-material ratio (60:40) at the District level. The States which exceed the mandate and make excess material payments will have to bear the excess expenditure itself. In addition, those States/ UTs, which have the ratio below the national average, may focus on creation of durable assets.

Decision: All the States/ UTs were asked to maintain the statutory wage-material ratio (60:40) at the District level.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- II. **Completion of incomplete works** - It was observed that at the national level, 96% of all the works started before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 have been completed. JS (RE) advised the States/ UTs to complete all the remaining works by June 2021.

Decision: It was decided that all works of FY 2019-20 should be completed on priority.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- III. **Focus Areas** – States/ UTs where percentage of expenditure on agriculture and allied activities is below the statutory 60% are requested to review their progress and ensure to maintain the mandatory percentage of expenditure.

Decision: States, where percentage of expenditure in case of NRM works are less than 65% were advised to evaluate selection of suitable types of works for achieving the desired expenditure percentage.

**Action:** All concerned States/UTs

- IV. **GIS based planning** – JS (RE) commended States/UTs who are preparing GIS based plans for Gram Panchayats (GPs). He highlighted States of Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Nagaland and UT of Ladakh, Puducherry to achieve their targets of GIS based plans of 4 GPs per Block. He further mentioned about the DO letter which was issued to the Chief Secretaries of all States/ UTs to prepare more number of GIS based plans for other Gram Panchayats of the Blocks.

Decision : All States/ UTs were asked to prepare more number of GIS based plans for other Gram Panchayats of the Blocks.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- V. **Deployment of women Mate** - JS(RE) discussed about the deployment of women mate.

Decision: The States/UTs were asked to deploy more and more women mates. Further, States were advised to engage SHG compliant mate as worksite supervisors. States/UTs have to go for 100% women mate in NRLM intensive blocks. States/UTs may try for implementing "Group wise Task Naapi payment System" (GTNPS) for ensuring efficient implementation of task-based Schedule of Rates.

**Action:** all States/UTs

- VI. **Time and Motion Study** – All States and UTs are required to complete the Time and Motion study in a time bound manner.

**Action:** all States/UTs

- VII. **Timely payments** - Timely payment of wages within 15 days of closure of Muster Roll is an entitlement of MGNREGA workers and thrust area of the scheme. JS(RE) mentioned about the increase in performance on timely payment and specially commended the excellent performance of State like Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and Kerala for ensuring more than 99% timely payment.

Decision: The States/UTs whose performance is below national average of 34% were asked to take necessary action for 100% timely payments. States and UTs who have not switched to National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS), were requested to do the same at the earliest.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- VIII. **Regeneration of Rejected Transaction** - JS(RE) mentioned that special attention may be given on regeneration of all the rejected transactions. SRD further emphasized that any delay in regeneration of rejected transaction will have financial implementation on States itself as they have to bear the interest payable to labours.

Decision: All the States/UTs were directed to give special attention may be given on regeneration of all the rejected transactions.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- IX. **Accounts Pending for Validation on PFMS:** It was mentioned that there were accounts pending for validation of PFMS.

Decision: All the States/ UTs were asked to ensure verification of accounts pending for validation on PFMS. JS (RE) specially mentioned States of Odisha, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal to expedite in this regard.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- X. **Project Unnati:** It was stated that the States/ UTs are to ensure completion of the targeted training in a time bound manner. Andaman & Nicobar, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Manipur and Sikkim to ensure commencement of the training at the earliest.

Decision: All the States/ UTs were asked to ensure completion of the targeted training in a time bound manner.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- XI. **Cluster Facilitation Project (CFP):** JS (RE) requested special attention of all the States/ UTs to ensure implementation of CFP.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- XII. **Social Audit:** It was observed that Assam, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tripura, Nagaland and West Bengal are not conducting social audits. SRD in his intervention specially mentioned on the statutory provision of conduct of social audit under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

Decision: All the States/ UTs were requested to ensure complete compliance of the same.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- XIII. **Ombudsperson:** All those States/ UTs are required to appoint Ombudsperson in all the Districts at the earliest.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- XIV. **Transparency & Accountability/ VIP reference/ CPGRAMS:** The issue of timely disposal of the news-paper clippings/ VIP reference/ Audit Paras/ CPGRAMS complaints was discussed.

Decision: All the States/ UTs were asked to ensure timely disposal of the news-paper clippings/ VIP reference/ Audit Paras/ CPGRAMS complaints.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- XV. **Good Governance:** All the States/ UTs were asked to ensure compliance of the respective Frameworks, specially relating to installation of CIB at work sites and maintenance of seven register.

**Action:** All States/UTs

- XVI. **National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS)/ Area Officer Application (Inspection App):** It was informed that the Ministry will soon launch the National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) and the Inspection Application.

Decision: All the States/ UTs were asked to utilize these apps for enhance monitoring of the programme implementation.

**Action:** All States/UTs

## 2. **Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G):**

At the outset, Secretary, RD highlighted the following major issues which needed to be addressed on priority:

(i) **Completion of pending houses:** Completion of houses is the foremost important task at the hands of the States/ UTs particularly for those for which 2<sup>nd</sup> installment has been released. He directed all the State officials to put in extra efforts for ensuring house completion in time bound manner.

(ii) **Land to landless beneficiaries:** SRD also highlighted that **land availability** is another critical area, which requires major attention. On every occasion Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development has highlighted the **issue of landless**. Landless beneficiaries in every State has been an issue of concern even though landless are given the highest priority for sanctioning of houses. He directed States to launch a time bound program along with the land revenue counterparts of the States to provide land to pending 2.3 lakh landless households.

(iii) **Convergence with other schemes:** SRD mentioned that as per the Budget 2021, it has been announced for provision of 1 Crore additional LPG connections to the eligible households under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. Till now, we have provided LPG connections to 32 Lakh PMAY-G beneficiaries. There is a need to look at the possibility of providing LPG connection to the remaining PMAY-G beneficiaries also through convergence.

(iv) He further added that construction of house is a mean to bring the beneficiary above poverty line. He emphasized to provide all the **convergence** benefits to all the households not only infrastructure but also other benefits.

2. Smt. Alka Upadhyaya, AS(RD) stated that the pace of the sanction was affected due to COVID-19 and elections in few States. The pace has slowly started to pick up in last few months and intensive follow up with the State/UTs is being carried out by the Ministry for the State/UTs, that are lagging behind in terms of significant gap between required rate of sanctions & completions and actual rate of sanctions & completions.

3. Thereafter, Shri Gaya Prasad, Dy. D.G.(RH) made a presentation on detailed progress on key indicators of PMAY-G and problem areas affecting the performance of the States/UTs. The salient features of the presentation of Dy. DG (RH) are as under :-

i. **Sanction and completion of houses:**

The State-wise progress on sanction and completion of houses were shared with request to complete sanction of pending houses by 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and completion of second installment houses by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

ii. **Cleaning of existing PWL of PMAY-G:**

It was informed to the States/UTs that more than 10.28 lakh ineligible beneficiaries in 24 States/UTs are to be remanded using remand process.

Decision: The States/UTs were requested to complete cleaning of PWL using remand process by 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. The Gram Panchayat/Gram Sabha resolution would be required for deletion of names of the ineligible beneficiaries from the PWL.



**Action:** All States/UTs

iii. **Gap in sanction and release of 1<sup>st</sup> instalment:**

The status of gap in sanction and release of 1<sup>st</sup> installment shared with the States/UTs.

Decision: All the States/UTs were requested to ensure release of 1<sup>st</sup> instalment to the beneficiaries, whom houses have been sanctioned, on priority.

**Action:** All States/UTs

iv. **Land to landless beneficiaries:**

The landless beneficiaries are given utmost priority under PMAY-G and their names cannot be deleted at any cost. The SRD also highlighted the issue of landless beneficiaries.

Decision: The States/UTs were requested to prepare time bound action plan and ensure to provide land to remaining landless beneficiaries by end of March, 2021.

**Action:** All States/UTs

v. **Delayed houses:**

It was informed to the States/UTs that 9 extensions have been given to the States/ UTs for completion of pending delayed houses but the progress is not satisfactory. It was also stated that 13 States namely Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Assam, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir contribute 99% of the delayed houses.

Decision: The States/UTs were directed to complete the delayed houses by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

**Action:** All the States/UTs

vi. **Closure of IAY houses:**

As per the information provided by the States/UTs, 686123 IAY houses are incomplete. It was appraised to the States/UTs that it has been decided not to release Central share in advance for completion of IAY houses. It was also informed to the States/UTs that last date for completion of IAY houses is 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

Decision: States/UTs were asked to complete IAY houses from the funds available. If funds are not available then respective State Government has to meet the expenditure from State's resources and complete the pending IAY houses and resubmit proposal to Central Government for reimbursement of the Central share.

**Action:** All the States/UTs

vii. **Rural Mason Training progress:**

States/UTs were requested to prepare action plan for completion of the training to remaining targets under Rural Mason Training Programme. The expenditure for the same would be met from the Admn. cost of the PMAY-G.

**Action:** All the States/UTs

viii. **Removal of ineligible households from Awaas+ list, Job card mapping and Aadhar seeding of the eligible households:**

It was apprised to the States/UTs that no Gram Sabha or Gram Panchayat resolution is required for removal of the names of ineligible households from Awaas+ list.

Decision: All the States/UTs have been requested to do physical verification of the households registered on Awaas+ app and identify ineligible households. The names of the ineligible households shall be removed. This exercise has to be completed in a time bound manner preferably by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021. The States/UTs were requested to complete job card mapping of the eligible households in a time bound manner besides Aadhaar seeding of the households by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

**Action:** all the States/UTs

ix. **Implementation of the DBT and Aadhaar Based Payment System (ABPS):**

The States/UTs were informed that it has been decided to release funds to beneficiaries using ABPS from the next financial year.

**Action:** all the States/UTs

x. **Budget provision in the State Budget and timely release of Central as well as State share to the SNA:**

It was informed that Central share of Rs.1,784 crore and State share of Rs.6,041 crore are pending to be released to SNA in 9 States.

Decision: The States/UTs were requested to release Central share and State share immediately to the SNA to avoid disruption in the scheme. The States/UTs were also requested to make necessary Budget provision in the State Budget for the next financial year to ensure release of Central as well as State share.

**Action:** All the States/UTs

4. The State wise issues discussed during the meeting are as under -

S. No	State	Indicator	Action to be taken by the States	Timeline	Remarks
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1	<b>Bihar</b>	Sanction of houses & gap between Sanction and Target	Complete sanctioning of pending houses	31.03.2021	The State of Bihar, house have been sanctioned for 81% of the cumulative housing target which is below the national average of 85%. Further, the house completion in the state is 47%, whereas at national level it is 57%
	<b>Bihar</b>	Gap between Sanction and Target	Complete sanctioning of pending houses and minimize this gap as far as possible.	31.03.2021	The State to expedite sanctioning and completion of the houses  Gap between sanction and release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment is 1,01,410. Also there is a considerable gap of 10,28,463 between release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment and house completions
	<b>Bihar</b>	Cleaning of PWL	Cleaning of ineligible beneficiaries	15.02.2021	For the PWL cleaning 3,72,191 cases are pending for remand.
2	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Sanction of Houses	Pending 4.91 lakh houses to be sanctioned	-	The state to expedite the matter with State finance Dept.
	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Release of Central and State share to SNA	Release the matching state share of Rs. 579.78 crore and central share of Rs.74.82 crore from state treasury to SNA	At the earliest	Rs. 762 crores are likely to be sourced through loan from bank consortium.

3	<b>Gujarat</b>	Release of Funds	The delay in issuing of funds for second installment of 2019-20	28.02.2021	SRD Stated that the fund shall be released soon through EBR
4	<b>Jharkhand</b>	Gap between Sanction and Target	Sanction all pending houses and release 1 <sup>st</sup> instalments for all sanctioned houses in speedy manner	31.03.2021	Jharkhand responded that ineligible beneficiaries were sanctioned and then remanded. Since beneficiaries from the same category were not available so, the gap existed.
	<b>Jharkhand</b>	Others	The State will share the list with MoRD where BDO has overridden the bank account change for some beneficiaries.	At the earliest	SRD highlighted during the discussion that some cases have been observed where the BDO has overridden the bank account change for some beneficiaries.
	<b>Jharkhand</b>	Cleaning of PWL	Pending ineligible households to be deleted from PWL	15.2.2021	Secretary Jharkhand promised to remand the remaining 4935 ineligible beneficiaries.
5	<b>Karnataka</b>	Cleaning of PWL	The State was requested to submit their proposal to the Ministry	31.03.2021	The State mentioned that their PWL is exhausted. They are not able to select Beneficiary for the year 2019-2020 or 2020-21

6	Kerala	Land to Landless Beneficiaries	-	At the earliest	ACS Kerala Stated that they have converged with State housing scheme L.I.F.E. under which a sum of Rs 4 Lakhs is given over and above 1.20 Lakhs to beneficiaries of PMAY-G. She also highlighted that instructions have been given to Panchayats to provide land to 7000 landless beneficiaries in the Kerala State.
7	Madhya Pradesh	Cleaning of existing PWL	Complete pending houses	At the earliest	The state informed that out of the pending houses of Phase-I, ~51,000 houses cannot be completed due to various reasons.
	Madhya Pradesh	Release of Central and State share to SNA	Proposal is awaited from the State	At the earliest	The State informed that Rs. 1751 crore State share shall be released into the SNA
8	Meghalaya	Sanction & Completion of houses	Expedite Construction of pending PMAY-G houses	31.03.2021	In the State of Meghalaya, houses have been sanctioned for 81% of the cumulative housing target which is below the national average of 69%. Further the house completion in the state is 28%, whereas at national level it is 57%.
	Meghalaya	Gap between sanction and release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment	State to minimize this gap as far as possible	31.03.2021	Gap between sanction and release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment is 10,230. Also there is a considerable gap of 17,620 between release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment and house completions

	<b>Meghalaya</b>	Cleaning of P WL	State need to  expedite the  exercise	At the earli est	For the PWL cleaning 884 cases are pending fo r remand
<b>9</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	Gap between Sanction and Release of 1 <sup>st</sup> Installment	State to mini mize the gap	31.03.2021	Gap between sanction and release of 1 <sup>s</sup> t installment is 6,8 84 Also there is a consid erable gap 2,609 b etween release of 1st inst allment and house completions.
<b>10</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	Release of 1 <sup>st</sup> Installment	The state is c oordinating with the stat e finance de pt. for releas e of these fu nds	At the earli est	The State mentioned that 1 <sup>st</sup> installment for FY 201 6-17 is awaited by the Sta te
<b>11</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	Release of 1 <sup>st</sup> Installment	-	31.07.2021	The State informed the chair that more than 50,00 0 households to give 1 <sup>st</sup> installment only after fou ndation of houses an d informed th e number of current status of completion.
	<b>Odisha</b>	Other Issues	-	At the earli est	Director Spl. Project h ighlighted the issue of convergence with NREGA Soft
<b>12</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Release of Fu nd	-	-	The State of UP, informe d the chair that it would b e requiring funds in near future to achieve co mpletion of targets allotted.

	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Allocation of Targets from Awaas+	The State committed to complete the remaining houses	31.03.2021	The State requested for target allocation from Awaas+ list.
13	<b>West Bengal</b>	Release of 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment	Release of pending 1 <sup>st</sup> instalments to beneficiaries to whom houses have been sanctioned so far	31.03.2021	The State that there was a gap in release of first instalments against sanctioned houses as the State had strategized and was concentrating in achieving high house completions by release of second and third instalment. The State informed that it had released 2nd and third instalments to 4 lakh beneficiaries. SRD appreciated the State for its strategy

### 3. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

The issues discussed and decisions taken during the meeting are as under –

1. **Speeding up construction of works for achievement of Annual Target-** Against the revised annual target for construction of 46,164 Km of road length during 2020-21, only 19,593 Km road length has been constructed till 3rd February, 2021, which is only 44% of the targets. Further, against target for providing all-weather road connectivity to 5,108 habitations, 1,502 habitations were provided connectivity till 3rd February, 2021.

Decision: The States were asked to expedite the pace of execution to achieve the targets.

*(Action: All PMGSY implementing States/UTs)*

#### 2. Pending works -

- i. 29,799 Km road works and 2,546 LSBs are pending for completion under PMGSY-I. States/UTs with bulk balance works are Jammu and Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya and Bihar.

Decision: All the States/UTs with balance road works and LSBs under PMGSY-I were asked to expedite the pace of construction for completion of these works at the earliest.

*(Action: All States/UTs having pending works under PMGSY-I, II and RCPLWEA)*

- ii. 9,261 Km road works and 328 LSBs are pending for completion under PMGSY-II. States/UT with bulk balance works are Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Decision: All States/UTs having balance works under PMGSY-II were asked to gear up the field establishment for completion of these works without further delay.

*(Action: All States/UTs having pending works under PMGSY-I, II and RCPLWEA)*

- iii. 6,448 Km road length and 322 LSBs are pending under RCPLWEA. States with bulk pending works are Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Telangana.

Decision: All the nine implementing States were asked to complete balance works under RCPLWEA on priority considering that the implementation period of RCPLWEA project is already over on 31st March, 2020.

*(Action: All States/UTs having pending works under PMGSY-I, II and RCPLWEA)*



### **3. Tendering of Work:**

- i. The committee observed that as on 1st April, 2020, 2,357 road works of 17,438 Km and 468 LSBs were unawarded under PMGSY-I, II and RCPLWEA, out of which 2,020 road works of 15,866 Km and 424 LSBs have been awarded since 1st April, 2020 till 3rd February, 2021. The Committee appreciated the tremendous efforts put in by the States/UTs towards awarding the old works.

Decision: The implementing States/agencies were requested to continue the same effort for award of balance 377 road works of 1,572 Km and 44 LSBs before 15th February, 2021 to avoid freezing of these works.

*(Action: All States/UTs with balance works for award under PMGSY-I, II and RCPLWEA)*

- ii. As per the amendment issued in para-8.1.2 of the Operational Manual of PMGSY vide Ministry's letter No. P.17025/37/2013-RC dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020, all works sanctioned under PMGSY-III should commence on the ground within 72 days from the date of sanction.

Decision: The States/UTs were requested to scrupulously follow the time-frame indicated in the aforesaid letter of the Ministry for various activities in the tendering process to avoid delay in tendering and completion of the works under PMGSY-III.

*(Action: All PMGSY implementing States/UTs)*

- iii. Committee wanted to know if any across States comparison on tendering process and best practices have been done by the NRIDA.

Decision: It was decided that a study in this regard may be done by NRIDA.

*(Action: P.I Division, NRIDA)*

### **4. Submission of proposals under PMGSY-III**

- i. A total of 46,949 Km road length has been sanctioned under PMGSY-III. Further, around 27,000 Km road length has been planned for sanction during the months of February and March, 2021.

Decision: The States targeted for sanction of projects under PMGSY-III during the current financial year were asked to complete preparatory works and submit proposals to this Ministry for sanction on priority.

*(Action: All States/UTs implementing PMGSY)*

- ii. Attention of States/UTs was invited to this Ministry's circular No. 17025/22/2017-RC dated 24th December, 2020 mandating independent third party traffic survey, including axle load survey for all the proposed roads, where projected traffic is more than 1 MSA irrespective of carriageway width as stipulated in IRC:SP:72:2015 through NIT/STA/Government Engineering Institutes or independent third party agency/consultants duly

selected through a public procurement process. Independent third party traffic survey on roads of more than 1 MSA is to be carried out by installing Automatic Traffic Counter and Classifier (ATCC).

Decision: The implementing agencies were asked to comply with the above instructions while submitting proposals under PMGSY-III for approval.

*(Action: All States/UTs implementing PMGSY)*

- iii. UT of Ladakh raised the issue of nomination of STA for scrutiny of proposals under PMGSY-III.

Decision: It was decided that NRIDA will look into the matter.

*(Action: All States/UTs implementing PMGSY)*

- 5. Establishment of Quality Control Lab at work site-** Non-setting up of Quality Control Laboratory and making payments to the Contractor without setting up of the properly equipped QC Lab is violation of the Programme guidelines and a criminal act on the part of the Contractor/State Government. Committee also invited attention of the States/UTs towards the concern expressed by the Hon'ble Members of Parliament in this regard during the meetings of the Standing Committee and Consultative Committee held recently.

It was informed that the States/UTs with highest number of packages without QC lab are Jammu and Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Manipur.

Decision: All States/UTs Governments were asked to ensure that QC lab is established on all ongoing packages and that no payment is released unless QC lab is established and uploaded on OMMAS.

*(Action: All PMGSY implementing States/UTs)*

- 6. Ensuring maintenance of roads under DLP -** The Committee observed that expenditure towards maintenance of roads under DLP by the States are not adequate, albeit the fact that maintenance of roads under PMGSY is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. There is zero expenditure on roads under DLP in Ladakh during 2019-20, followed by the States/UTs of Jammu and Kashmir ( 93%), Arunachal Pradesh ( 92%), Assam ( 90%), Telangana ( 86%), Jharkhand ( 85%), Meghalaya ( 80%), Himachal Pradesh ( 74%), Mizoram (61%) and Manipur ( 59%).

Attention of States/UTs was drawn towards the provisions of the programme guidelines, which stipulate that the release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of programme fund in a year shall be subject to submission of, among others, a certificate from CEO of SRRDA that maintenance funds required as per maintenance contracts in force had been spent during the previous financial year. For release after May of an year, the certificate should also include that 50% of such maintenance funds requirements for the current financial year have been released by the State, whereas for release after November the certificate should be for 100% of such funds.

Decision: States/UTs were asked to comply with the provisions of the programme guidelines to ensure hassle free release of programme funds.

*(Action: All PMGSY implementing States/UTs)*

#### **7. e-Marg onboarding –**

- i. Committee observed that while in the States/UTs of Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, there is good progress in so far as completion of manual entry of expenditure in e-Marg is concerned, the same is not upto mark in the States/UTs of Uttarakhand ( 43%), Himachal Pradesh (41%), Ladakh ( 30%), Nagaland ( 30%), Tripura ( 26%), Jharkhand ( 23%), Manipur ( 20%), Mizoram ( 18%), Maharashtra ( 16%) and Sikkim ( 13%).

Decision: States/UTs were asked to ensure completion by February.

*(Action: All PMGSY implementing States/UTs)*

- ii. It was observed that the progress is very slow in so far as payment through e-Marg is concerned in the States of Rajasthan, Meghalaya, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Manipur, Mizoram and Himachal Pradesh.

Decision: The State/UTs were asked to expedite completion.

*(Action: All PMGSY implementing States/UTs)*

#### **8. 2<sup>nd</sup> tier Quality Monitoring –**

- i. Committee observed that 341 ongoing works of more than six months old have not been inspected even once by the SQM in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, followed by Chhattisgarh (164), Uttarakhand (164), West Bengal (134), Meghalaya (130), Jharkhand (92), Arunachal Pradesh (90), Nagaland (70), Manipur (64) and Odisha (50).

Decision: States/UTs were asked to ensure inspection of works by SQM as per the provisions of the programme guidelines and that the quality of inspection is upto mark. States/UTs were also asked to strengthen Quality Management Cell to ensure proper scrutiny of inspection reports and oversee quality related issues.

*(Action: All PMGSY implementing States/UTs/P.III Division, NRIDA)*

#### **9. Pending ATRs on NQM observation:** It was observed that ATR on NQM observations are pending for years. States/UTs of Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram have highest number of pending ATRs on NQM observations of more than 12 months old and more than 24 months old.

Decision: The State Governments/UT Admn. were asked to take immediate action for disposal of pending ATRs.

*(Action: All PMGSY implementing States/UTs)*

**10. Completed works- Pending Financial Closure-** It was informed that overall 2,509 bills of physically completed works are pending, out of which 666 are more than six months old.

Decision: The States/UTs were asked to ensure expeditious payment of all these pending bills.

*(Action: All PMGSY implementing States/UTs)*

**11. Pending release of Central and State Share:** It was informed that the release of funds from the State treasury to SRRDA account are pending in many States/UTs.

Decision: All the States/UTs were asked to ensure expeditious release of funds from the State treasury to SRRDA account for smooth implementation of PMGSY in the state. Failure to do that will make states ineligible for subsequent releases.

*(Action: All PMGSY implementing States/UTs)*

#### **4. Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana(SAGY)**

The major points of discussion with regard to Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) and the decisions taken thereon are as below:

1. The issue of the appointment of the 'Charge Officer' of sufficient seniority for every SAGY GP to coordinate the implementation at the local level was discussed.

Decision: The Additional Secretary, RD requested the States/UTs to appoint a competent 'Charge Officer' of sufficient seniority for every SAGY GP to coordinate the implementation at the local level and update the same on the SAGY portal and also to nominate them for the capacity building programmes on SAGY

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

2. SRD asked the States to explore the possibility of the MLA Adarsh Gram Yojana scheme in the state as requested in the DO letter from Secretary, Rural Development.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

3. The issue of regularly conducting the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) meeting was discussed.

Decision: SRD asked the States to conduct the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) meeting once a quarter to coordinate and ensure seamless convergence of schemes among different State Government Departments as mentioned in the scheme guidelines.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

4. The States were requested to encourage the Hon'ble MPs to identify 5 GPs together for development under SAGY-II(2019-24) and to expedite the execution of projects proposed under Village Development Plan (VDP).

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

## 5. Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission

1. Joint Secretary (Rurban) presented on the progress under the Mission on following parameters:
  - 1.1 Pending ICAP and DPR entry in RurbanSoft,
  - 1.2 States/UTs, where the Critical Gap Fund (CGF) and Convergence Expenditure are lower than the national average,
  - 1.3 Status of geo-tagging of the assets under the mission,
  - 1.4 Clusters pending for Planning Notifications,
  - 1.5 PFMS integration Status,
  - 1.6 States/UTs pending to empanel Mentor Institutions,
  - 1.7 Reforms introduced under the Mission e.g. Fund Pooling Mechanism and Dynamic Ranking
  - 1.8 Issue of legacy entry of expenditure under Critical Gap Funding (CGF) as well as Convergence
  
2. The following issues were discussed and decisions taken thereon are as under:
  - i. The State of Bihar was directed to continue with the implementation of the Mission in the Gram Panchayats selected under the cluster, which have been recently converted into Urban Local Bodies. The same needs to be followed up by the other clusters being developed under the Mission.

**(Action: States/UTs)**
  
  - ii. All States/UTs were suggested to take up the infrastructure projects and economic activities in the clusters visioning sustainability of at least 20 years.

**(Action: States/UTs)**
  
  - iii. The States/UTs were directed to expedite the recruitment process at different level functionaries under the Mission.

**(Action: States/UTs)**
  
  - iv. All States/UTs were suggested to expedite the expenditure under CGF as well as Convergence to achieve desired outcomes of the Mission by March 2023.

**(Action: States/UTs)**
  
  - v. All States/UTs were advised to prioritize the preparation of the Spatial Plan for all-round development of the clusters.

**(Action: States/UTs)**
  
  - vi. All States/UTs were requested to check their rankings in the ranking dashboard developed in RurbanSoft to identify the areas, where the performance of the States/UTs is lagging.

**(Action: States/UTs)**
  
  - vii. Livelihood oriented activities may be taken up in the Rurban Clusters with the help of Cluster Level Federations developed under the National Rural Livelihood Mission.

**(Action: States/UTs)**

- viii. Concept of geo-fencing needs to be incorporated in GeoRurban mobile application.

**(Action: States/UTs)**

- ix. Joint Secretary, MGNREGA suggested exploring the possibility of fetching the geotagged images from NregaSoft to RurbanSoft to reduce the duplicity of the geo-tagging MGNREGA assets taken up under the convergence of the Mission.

**(Action: Rurban and MGNREGS Division)**

## **6. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY – NRLM)**

Shri Charanjit Singh, Joint Secretary (RL-I) presented the overall status and key achievements of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission with respect to the Farm Livelihoods and Non-Farm Livelihood, & Financial Managements aspects and Smt. Nita Kejrewal, Joint Secretary (RL-II) presented the IBCB & SISD aspects and Financial Inclusion.

2. In his key-note address, Secretary (RD) stressed upon the following points in respect of DAY-NRLM program-

- i. Timely release of funds to the CBOs is important given that it is essential for CBOs functioning. This area needs to be expedited in several states.
- ii. DAY-NRLM is an HR- intensive program. Without adequate HR in place, the State Missions may not be able to achieve the intended results. As a critical requirement for program functioning, placement of HR should be given priority by all States/UTs.
- iii. Focus on Livelihood interventions is the most significant issue as far as DAY-NRLM is concerned. Linkage of poor households to livelihood activities has been a weak area, which is evident from the available data, where only 1 crore households out of total 7 crore mobilized households have been linked to livelihood interventions. The need of the hour is to work in convergence with other Departments by ensuring the formalization of guidelines in the work plans.

3. Some of the cross-cutting areas on which SRD appealed to all State Missions and Program Divisions to focus are as follows-

- i. All State Missions should persuade their respective State governments for timely release of State shares of the sanctioned funds.
- ii. Public grievances at any level must be addressed to and should not remain pending for more than 2 months.
- iii. Several programs have introduced a system of dynamic ranking of the States based on their performance. This is a good practice and all program divisions should try to formulate some sort of ranking system in respect of their performance indicators.
- iv. All State Missions should ensure Implementation of PFMS.
- v. The State Missions would be required to take action on the issues raised during the PRC meeting in respect of their Annual Plans.
- vi. All State governments are requested to furnish adequate responses to the clarification, information or reports sought by the Central Government. Casual responses should be avoided.

4. After reviewing the progress of the States, it was decided that immediate actions on the following thematic related issues may be taken up by the concerned States:



#### **4.1: IB-CB/SI-SD/HR under DAY-NRLM:**

4.1.1: The States have to complete HR placement on a priority basis at the earliest. The States were requested to adapt model HR manual in the letter and spirit.

*(Action: Odisha, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Ladakh, Gujarat, West Bengal and Tripura)*

4.1.2: The States are requested to expedite the saturation of blocks, GPs and household coverage. States are also requested to ensure that all SHGs take membership into Village Organisations (VOs) and all VOs into the Cluster Level Federations (CLFs).

*(Action: Ladakh, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Daman and Diu, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Andaman Nicobar, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, West Bengal, Haryana, Rajasthan, Telangana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh)*

4.1.3: The States need to prioritise opening of Bank accounts for SHGs and their federations.

*(Action: Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh)*

4.1.4: All States need to release Revolving Fund (RF) and CIF funds to the CBOs, which is essential for CBOs functioning. This matter needs to be expedited.

*(Action: Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tripura, West Bengal, Sikkim, Odisha, Daman and Diu, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Punjab, Andaman and Nicobar, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya, Gujarat, Lakshadweep, Goa)*

4.1.5: All States shall focus on the following issues regarding MCLF implementation:

- Registration of Cluster Level Federations (CLFs)
- Preparation of Vision building and Business development plans
- Data entry in Model CLF web application
- Internal and external audit of all MCLFs

**(Action: Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat, West Bengal and Odisha)**

4.1.6: All National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP) States shall also focus on the following key issues regarding the Model CLF strategy implementation:

- Positioning of dedicated State and block level staff for model CLF strategy implementation.
- Release of Viability Gap Funds (Assam, Maharashtra, Odisha, Kerala and Chhattisgarh to expedite), Infrastructure and Training centre (MH, OD, UP, TN to expedite) funds in NRETP Blocks

*(Action: Assam, Maharashtra, Odisha, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu)*

#### **4.2: Financial Inclusion under DAY-NRLM:**

4.2.1: Min. 50% SHG Loan application should be submitted through on-line mode.

*(Action: Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal)*

4.2.2: Average loan disbursements to the SHGs should be minimum of Rs. One lakh.

*(Action: Bihar, Chhattisgarh, UP, Rajasthan, MP, Gujarat, Jharkhand & Uttarakhand)*

4.2.3: States/UTs, where the NPA in SHG Bank Linkage is higher, were asked to reduce the same.

*(Action: Arunachal Pradesh, UP, Gujarat, Haryana, HP, MP, Maharashtra, Punjab & Uttarakhand)*

4.2.4: The States/UTs, which are lagging on claim settlement in Insurance Sector, should focus on the same .

*(Action: MP, Rajasthan, Karnataka, UP, West Bengal, Assam, Kerala, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand & Tamilnadu)*

4.2.5: States were asked to have Co-ordination with Financial Literacy Centers for Financial Literacy.

*(Action: All States)*

4.2.6: Training, certification and deployment of 'B C Sakhi' under "Mission One GP One B C Sakhi" be done by all the States/UTs.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

### 4.3: Farm Livelihoods under DAY-NRLM:

4.3.1: **Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP):** Under the Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP), which is a sub-component of the DAY-NRLM, **38.05 lakhs (3.8 million)** farmers have been covered under the MKSP till December-20:

- Approved timeline of many of the MKSP projects has expired. States/UTs were requested to gear up to expedite the project closure formalities and come up with new projects.

Focus should be on expanding MKSP in value chain and organic thematic areas with focus on non-NRETP states

*(Action: States where MKSP is in progress should comply with the timelines. State may come up with the proposals under value chain and organic)*

On-going projects- the SRLM should complete the project within approved timeline and should send all the documents regarding closure of MKSP project.

*(Action: Assam (2 projects), AP (1), West Bengal (2), Odisha (7), Chhattisgarh(1), Karnataka (3), MP (5), Tamil Nadu (2), Kerala (2) UP (1), Haryana (1), J&K (1), Jharkhand (3), Kerala (2), Maharashtra (1), Meghalaya (1), Mizoram (1), Nagaland (1), Odisha (2), Puducherry (1), Rajasthan (1), UP (1), Arunachal Pradesh (1) )*

4.3.2: As regards the universalization of Farm Livelihoods Interventions in Intensive Blocks through SRLM Annual Action Plan, the States were asked to recruit and deploy trained dedicated HR for livelihood promotion.

*(Action: All States/UTs.)*

States need to ensure timely Achievement against given targets of implementation of Farm livelihood interventions.

*(Action: SRLMs (Manipur, Puducherry, Telangana, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Kerala, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Odisha, Chhattisgarh) may expedite implementation of farm livelihoods interventions to achieve the set target )*

4.3.3: Farm Value Chain Intervention & NRETP:

All NRETP States were asked to complete recruitment of required manpower at the earliest.

*(Action: All States)*

- The States were directed to ensure timely release of fund to Producers Groups from the CLF/GPLF.

*(Action: Time release of fund to PGs may be completed by AS, TN, KR, GJ, UP, MP)*

- NRETP States need to submit the value chain proposals planned by the States by June 2021 so that it can be completed within the approved timeline of NRETP.

*(Action: NRETP States)*

- States which have not hired TSAs may complete on-boarding TSAs for value chain organic by following due procurement procedure (pending in OD, RJ, GJ, KR, TN for value chain and pending in CG, MP, UP, OD, RJ, GJ, KR & TN for organic)

*(Action: Hiring of TSA may be completed at the earliest TSA – Value chain (-JH, OD, RJ, GJ, KR) and TSA-organic (CG, MP, UP, OD, RJ, GJ, KR, TN))*

#### 4.3.4: Farm Livelihoods MIS

- States which have own MIS systems to port the data to the central livelihoods MIS

*(Action: BH, JH, RJ, and TS)*

- Updation of the PG / PE data & convergence data be done.

*(Action: All States)*

#### **4.4: Non-farm Livelihoods under DAY-NRLM:**

4.4.1: Strengthening the HR team for non-farm livelihoods in the SMMU, including filling up positions as per the approved advisories. NRETP States were asked to focus on competing the recruitment as new components have to be completed.

*(Action: AP, AS, CH, HR, KR, MH, MP, TN, UP & WB)*

4.4.2: States have to scale up non-farm livelihoods interventions by taking up enterprise activities in the blocks other than SVEP and NRETP programmes by training a cadre of Community Resource Persons (CRPs), who can support SHG members for enterprises. Funds can be accessed from CIF or Bank loans.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

4.4.3: SVEP implementing States have to ensure that Community Enterprise Fund (CEF) has to be transferred to the Block Resource Centres (BRC) as per the master circular; steps to ensure that sufficient CRP-EPs are also placed for implementation.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

- 4.4.4: States have to complete the implementation of all AGEY proposals till date as the scheme is getting completed on 31st March 2021.

*(Action: AP, Arunachal Pradesh, GJ, KR, MP, MH, OD, WB, TL, UP, UK & WB)*

Sikkim requested for additional allocation of vehicles under AGEY. NMMU was requested to look into the request and ensure appropriate action.

*(Action: NMMU)*

- 4.4.5: Enterprises can utilise the opportunities provided by Udyam Registration of MSME as the first step for formalisation. States need to support the SHG enterprises for this activity.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

- 4.4.6: States have to support SHGs, who have registered their products on Government-E-Marketplace (GeM) to achieve sales. SRLMs have to promote the products with other Departments and also ensure procurement for their own offices from GeM.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

#### **4.5: Financial Management under DAY-NRLM:**

- 4.5.1: The States/UTs of AP, DNH, GJ, PY, Lakshadweep and Ladakh have not submitted the IUFRRs of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020-21. They were asked to submit the same immediately.

*(Action: AP, DNH, GJ, PY, Lakshadweep and Ladakh)*

- 4.5.2: Non-Implementation of PFMS REAT module by the States/UTs of LDK, Mizoram, Telangana and Puducherry. The concerned States/UTs were requested to implement the same and ensure the compliance by 31.03.2021.

*(Action: LDK, Mizoram, Telangana and Puducherry)*

- 4.5.3: All State Missions should persuade their respective State governments for timely release of State shares of the sanctioned funds.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

#### **5. Involvement of all verticals of DAY-NRLM needs to be ensured**

## **7. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)**

The issues discussed and decisions taken during the meeting are as under –

### **i) Sanction of Action Plan target 2019-23 by States/ UTs**

It was informed that against the Action Plan target of 19.27 lakh for the period 2019-22, States/ UTs have sanctioned a total target of 15.32 lakh, i.e., 80 % of total target till date. States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand & Andaman & Nicobar Islands have sanctioned 100% of the Action Plan target.

#### **Decision points:**

- a) States/UTs are requested to take necessary steps for achieving pending Action Plan targets within March 2021.
- b) Rural Skills Division to review status of sanction in April 2021. The unsanctioned targets may be withdrawn and allotted to performing states.

*(Action: All State/UTs Government except Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand & Andaman & Nicobar Islands)*

### **ii) Performance of the States during 2020-2021**

During the FY (2020-21), due to pandemic, the Training Centers were closed. Training started post 21st Sep 2020. Till Dec 2020, 9,986 candidates have been trained and 36,933 candidates have been placed and currently a total of 23,308 candidates are under training. Target for FY 2020-2021 was revised.

#### **Decision:**

- a) States should strive to achieve the revised target allotted for FY 2020-2021.
- b) Regular performance review of the PIAs be taken in virtual mode, if physical meeting is not possible.
- c) States should take timely action against poor performing PIAs and allot target to performing PIAs.
- d) Timely updation of all the data into KaushalPragati(MPR System) be done.

*(Action: All the States/UTs)*

### **iii) Human Resource availability Status**

Engagement of human resources at State, District, Block level and below is the pre-requisite for successful implementation of any development program. It is clearly evident from the experience that the States which are successfully implementing DDU GKY, have established very vibrant human resources at State, District, Block level and below for DDU GKY implementation. Engagement of manpower, primarily at State level, is still an area of concern. During the EC meetings for sanction of AAP for the

Year 2020-21, all the States/UTs were suggested to engage the required manpower within June, 2020.

**Decision:**

Keeping in view the magnitude and significance of this scheme in coming years, it is important to engage the required manpower at all levels. Separate Admin fund is being provided for engagement of human resource at the State and District level. Capacity Building of the manpower is also required, so that their efficiencies are optimized and they contribute more for betterment of the scheme.

*(Action: All the States/UTs)*

**iv) Assessment and Certification of candidates**

External and internal assessment of trainees is an integral part of DDU-GKY training delivery. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) approved third party Independent assessment and certification of both curriculum and the skill, knowledge and attitude level of each trainee as acceptable to the industry or employer is mandatory under DDU GKY. During 2019-20, assessment is complete for 56% of trained candidates and certification is complete for 79% of the assessed candidates. During 2020-2021, assessment is complete for 32% of trained candidates and certification is complete for 68% of the assessed candidates.

Kaushal Pragati is completely integrated with Skill India Portal of MSDE for assessments through SSC. SSC trade batches from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 are only considered under Skill India Portal. Assessment of trainees have a bearing on fund release to PIAs also.

**Decision:**

- a. States should build capacity of PIAs on the process involved in assessments and certification.
- b. States should monitor compulsory uploading of all batches on MPR portals, in turn Skill India Portal.
- c. State should monitor assessment payment made by PIAs for each batch uploaded on Skill India Portal to the respective assessment bodies.
- d. Review of pendency of batches sent/ to be sent on Skill India Portal should be monitored from KaushalPragati.
- e. A communication was sent to all states where legacy pendency of assessment was there for pre April 2019 trained candidates, in view of the decision taken in the review meeting of Skill India Mission. States are being followed up for information on the legacy pendency for proper resolution. States should actively provide the desired information. Post March 2021, issues related with legacy pendency of batches trained before 1 April 2019 shall not be entertained by MoRD.

*(Action: All the States/UTs)*

**v) Coverage of special groups**

It was informed that the DDU GKY guidelines mandate coverage of special groups such as Persons with Disabilities (PwD), victims of trafficking, manual scavengers, trans-gender, rehabilitated bonded labour and other vulnerable groups. States have to develop strategies that address issues of access of special groups who usually get left out.

Ministry has also notified Framework for Persons with Disabilities under DDU GKY projects' vide Notification No. 43/2017. This Ministry vide Notification no. 2/2020 dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 has earmarked the training target for persons with benchmark disabilities to 5% under DDU -GKY by States/UTs.

**Decision:**

- a. States/UTs to take action for saturation of PwD candidates as per mandate of the program.
- b. The focus may be provided on the candidates from manual scavenger families and from other special groups on priority basis under DDU GKY.

*(Action: All the States/UTs)*

**vi) Skill and Human Resource demand assessment**

DDU-GKY guidelines envisage proper study of labour markets to assess skill requirement for jobs within the State and in regions outside it. Being a placement linked skill program for rural youth, correct matching of youth aspiration for job and offerings available in the labour market is a must. DDU-GKY guidelines provide opportunity to carry out Skill Gap Assessment Study, Skilled Human Resource Requirement Study and Youth Aspiration Mapping/Study.

**Decisions:**

- a. States should initiate action on the study of Skilled Human Resource Requirement/ Skill Gap Assessment Study in their identified priority sectors in the state and outside as per States requirement.
- b. States should carry out youth aspiration study from the DDU-GKY Target group

*(Action: All the States/UTs)*

**vii) Delay in release of Central/State share by State Treasuries**

In many States/UTs, it has been observed that there is a considerable delay in release of Central/State share by State Treasuries to State Nodal Departments and in some cases, it is for 24 months. In the absence of sufficient funds with State Nodal Departments, DDU GKY project implementation is being hampered at all levels. The pendency observed is as under:

Jharkhand-25 months, Kerala-24 months, Rajasthan-19 months, Chattisgarh-11 months, Gujarat-10 months, J&K -10 months, Telangana-10 months, Maharashtra-6 months, Punjab-5 months, Manipur-5 months, Sikkim-5 months, Nagaland-4 months, Uttarkhand-3 month



**Decision:**

States/UTs need to pay special attention to avoid delay in release of Central/State share by State Treasuries to State/UT Nodal Departments for implementation of DDU-GKY program.

*(Action: All the States/UTs)*

viii) **Installment release by States to Project Implementing agencies:**

Timely release of installments to PIAs is critical for successful implementation of projects under DDU GKY. As per the available information, out of 1939 active projects across the country, 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment has been released to 666 projects (34%), 3<sup>rd</sup> Installment released to 103 project (5%) and 4<sup>th</sup> Installment released to 65 Projects. 359 Projects are under process at 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment stage, 143 are under process at 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment stage and 133 are under process at 4<sup>th</sup> instalment stage.

**Decision:**

- a) States may give special attention for processing release of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> instalments to all the eligible PIAs, who have completed all the processes as per the SoP. This shall help in completing the projects on time and would be helpful to achieve the output and outcome of the program.
- b) States need to proactively process release cases of 4<sup>th</sup> instalment and issue project closure reports. This shall help performing PIAs in getting more DDU-GKY projects and shall lead to overall performance enhancement of the program.
- c) States need to review poor performing projects and may initiate penal/ right-sizing/termination measures and update the project status on MPR system

*(Action: All the States/UTs)*

ix) **KaushalPanjee**

Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has initiated the KaushalPanjee for registration and mobilization of rural youths. The candidate can either register himself/herself by using the existing details of SECC data or by entering the details as a fresh candidate. Till date, a total of 24.44 lakh of candidates are registered through KaushalPanjee, out of which 1.20 lakh candidates have been trained and 1.51 lakh candidates are under training.

**Decision:**

- a) The Project Implementation Agencies (PIAs) are required to use this database for mobilization purpose.
- b) All States are requested to follow the compliance for mandatory KaushalPanjee ID for all candidates under DDU GKY and RSETI

*(Action: All the States/UTs)*

- x) Kaushal Bharat is a single country-wide end to end MIS platform that enables Ministry of Rural Development to monitor the DDU-GKY scheme, from mobilization to training to placement and tracking. This system integrates with stakeholders IT systems through the API and thereby facilitates administration of DDU-GKY programs as per the guidelines enshrined in Standard Operating Procedures (SoP). The platform is also capable of gauging the performance of PIAs and rating and grading of training centres. Its Role Based Access (RBA) feature provides role specific access to perform activities for implementation, monitoring and evaluation phases of the DDU-GKY program. This enables users to seamlessly perform their activities in real-time and generate reports for both macro and micro management of the program. Mobile Applications for on-site real time inspection & Placement Management are also developed and are being used by the different stakeholders.

All the information/data related to DDU GKY is being entered through Kaushal Bharat, from 1st April 2020. One round of Capacity building of the States/UTs has been completed through Workshops and VC. All the States/UTs are therefore, suggested to take immediate action in this regard.

**Decision:**

All States/UTs were asked to update Kaushal Bharat either through API or direct entry.  
*(Action: All the States/UTs)*

**xi) Performance of Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI)**

It was stated that during 2020-21, a total of 1.11 lakh candidates have been trained and 93,874 candidates have been settled. Out of a total of 1,11,367 candidates trained, 89,299 candidates are from Rural Poor category, which comes to 80%. Though overall 80% candidates are from Rural Poor Category, some states are unable to achieve mandated 70%.

**Decision:**

- a) A minimum of 70 % rural poor candidates need to be mobilized by States/UTs for trainings under RSETIs. All states were asked to ensure it.
- b) States/UTs need to put special emphasis to improve the settlement and Bank linkages in consultation with Banks.
- c) Regular review of performance of RSETIs by ACS/PS/Secretary is required at the State level.
- d) Agenda of RSETIs should be put up in meetings of SLBCs, so that the issues regarding RSETIs are taken care off

*(Action: All States/ UTs implementing RSETI program)*

**xii) RSETI Infrastructure**

During the discussion, the details of the RSETI Infrastructure and issues being faced were given, which are as under:

- Total No. of functioning RSETIs – 585
- RSETIs eligible for MoRD infra Grant – 556
- Total number of RSETIs constructed till date - 278

- Number of RSETIs construction under process –67
- State Delay - Approval Pending - 22
- Bank delay or approval pending: 86
- Land issues: 96

**Decision:**

States/UTs were asked to take immediate action for resolving the issues related to land allocation and construction of RSETI buildings.

*(Action: All the States/UTs)*

**xiii) Status of Sagarmala DDU GKY Convergence Project**

During Phase 2, fund released to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat, Maharashtra and West Bengal. Training started in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Training not yet started in Gujarat, Maharashtra and West Bengal. EoI has not yet been published by Odisha. The States of Karnataka and has not yet submitted the utilization certificate of Phase I.

**Decision**

- a. States/ UTs need to sanction the pending targets immediately.
- b. States/ UTs need to commence trainings immediately.
- c. State of Karnataka to provide UC for Phase 1 of Sagarmala.
- d. States/UTs may publish EoI for Phase II.

*(Action: As mentioned)*

**xiv) Submission of proposal under NRETP Innovative Projects**

- Proposal approved by MoRD for the States of Assam, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh & West Bengal
- Proposal Under Consideration of this Ministry – Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat, Rajasthan
- Revised proposal pending from Bihar, Maharashtra & Jharkhand
- Proposal not submitted: Karnataka

**Decision:**

States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Karnataka need to submit the proposals to this Ministry immediately

*(Action: As mentioned)*

**xv) Others:**

- a) States/UT need to put special emphasize on implementation of Project UNNATI in collaboration with State/UT units of MGNREGA, RSETI, SRLM and KVKs.
- b) State/UTs need to collaborate with job opportunities/placement portals created by several States/UTs. This would be helpful in providing placement opportunities to DDU GKY trained candidates.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

## **8. National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP):**

The issues discussed and decisions taken during the meeting are as under –

- 1. Timely release of funds:** Funds under the schemes of NSAP are released in two six monthly installments from April to September and October to March. States/UTs have been advised to follow the guidelines of NSAP and submit the documents as prescribed in the guidelines of NSAP, in time. States/UTs have to submit the request letter as well as MPRs in the month of April for getting funds for 1st instalment and have to submit proposals in Annexure VI and UC in Annexure VII for getting funds for 02nd instalment .It has been noticed that some of the States/UTs not adhere the above timelines, which causes delay or non- release of funds. Non release of funds hamper the life of beneficiaries, which are the most vulnerable part of the society. No funds were released to the States/UTs of Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep, DNH & Daman & Diu and Chandigarh. Funds to A&N Islands for the 01st instalment of 2020-21 have been released, subject to the condition that UT will digitize the data of all beneficiaries by 31.03.2021 and will submit the pending UC's immediately.

*(Action: All States/UTs specifically by Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep, DNH & Daman & Diu and Chandigarh)*

- 2. Monthly Disbursement of Pensions to beneficiaries:** It was apprised that as per information available, 28 States/UT are disbursing pension on monthly basis whereas, other State/UTs are disbursing pension either quarterly or without following any schedule. State of Bihar, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh adopted the monthly disbursement of pension in June 2020.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

- 2. Utilization of PFMS Gateway and nodal accounts of States/UTS:** As per the provisions made in Rule 86 and 230(7) of the GFR 2017, States/UTs were requested to adopt the PFMS platform for tracking the last mile delivery funds and do away with physical utilization certificates. All States/UTs were advised to open a single nodal account (SNA) for each component of NSAP linked with PFMS. 30 States/UTs have PFMS enabled Bank account, wherein 24 States have active state nodal account. State of Karnataka, M.P., Rajasthan, Kerala and Tamilnadu have informed that they are using their own system, which is integrated with PFMS, for disbursement of pension and requested for emption for opening of SNA. State of Tamil Nadu has adopted NSAP-PPS for disbursement of benefit under NFBS.

*(Action: It is the responsibility of the States/UTs to open the nodal accounts mapped with PFMS. 30 States/UTs have opened the SNA)*

- 3. Aadhaar enrolment and verification progress:** Secretary (RD) expressed his concern about slow progress of Aadhaar enrolment and verification and directed the States/UTs to complete the process at the earliest.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

- 4. Digitization of beneficiaries' data:** Some States/UTs have digitized less nos of beneficiaries than their cap/ceiling allocated by the Ministry. It is requested to

digitize the remaining nos at the earliest failing which the digitized data will be treated as their cap/ceiling.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

5. **Pension disbursement Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT):** States/UTs were apprised to eliminate the cash based dispensation and adopt the 100% DBT mode of dispensation for reducing seepage of funds. A total target of 35 crore digital transactions were set for the States/UTs, during 2019-20. At present only the State of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Nagaland are doing transactions (disbursement) to beneficiaries through Cash mode only. All states/UTs are requested to adopt DBT mode at the earliest and by end of FY 2021-22 positively.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

6. **On boarding of National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) on NSAP-PPS:** At present only 14 States/UTs are using NSAP –PPS for Payment of benefit under NSAP schemes and others are using their own system or cash disbursement. It was advised to all States/UTs to use NSAP-PPS mandatorily for payment of benefit to NFBS beneficiaries.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

7. **Social Audit:** Final Social Audit guidelines and SoP for conducting social audit have been issued/published. All States/ UTs have to follow the same for conducting Social Audit for NSAP. Work related to pilot social audit of NSAP schemes have been entrusted to NIRD&PR. States/UTs have to extend their support to NIRD&PR for hassle free completion of pilot social audit. ( Pilot completed in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamilnadu and pilot started in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Telangana, Meghalaya and Mizoram).

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

8. **MIS & IT related matters:** A System has been developed by the NIC, which provides the details of old age, widow and disabled beneficiaries as well as facilitates end to end transaction from originating point to disbursement point. 14 States/UTs are using NSAP-PPS for end to end disbursement. Apart from the end to end transactions, NSAP-PPS also facilitates the citizens to access digitize data of pensioners, complete list of beneficiaries upto village level. E-pramaan system has been developed by NIC(RD) for addressing the issues, arising due to migration of beneficiaries. Funds under the NSAP schemes are released to States/UTs on the basis of ceiling/cap number of beneficiaries or digitized number of beneficiaries available on NSAP portal, whichever is less. Hence, it is imperative that States/UTs, lagging behind should complete the digitization at the earliest to cover maximum number of beneficiaries. SIRD advised the PD to follow up with States/UTs to complete the digitization by 31.03.2021 and beneficiaries available on NSAP portal on 01.04.2021 will be considered for release of funds. Henceforth, no further requests of States will be considered, in this regard.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

## **9. District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee(DISHA):**

Secretary (Rural Development) briefly explained the importance of DISHA Committees and underlined the importance of convening regular meetings of these committees.

Dr. N. Srinivas Rao, Economic Advisor in the Ministry looking after DISHA gave an overview of the DISHA Monitoring system and various initiatives taken by the Ministry of RD to strengthen the system.

The action points that emerged during the discussion with State representatives regarding implementation of DISHA are as under:

**1. Holding of DISHA Meetings as per schedule indicated in the DISHA Guidelines.-** DISHA Guidelines provides for convening of at least one meeting of District Level DISHA Committee in each quarter of the year and once in six month of State Level DISHA Committee. Ministry has permitted for convening of meeting through Audio- video mode.

**Decision:** States were asked to take immediate steps for convening DISHA Committee meetings as per the guidelines

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

**2. Uploading of DISHA minutes on Ministry's website-** Department of Rural Development has a website for uploading the Minutes of the meeting of DISHA Committee. To ensure timely action, uploading the Minutes of the meeting on this website is vital. It has been noticed in some cases that Districts have not uploaded details of meetings in DISHA portal, resulting in reflection of fewer number of DISHA meetings than the actual numbers on DISHA portal.

**Decision:** It was decided that the direction be issued by States to the districts for uploading of DISHA minutes on Ministry's website.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

**3. Nomination of MPs in State Level DISHA Committees-** DISHA Guidelines provide for nomination of Hon'ble Member of Parliament by Ministry of Rural Development in State Level DISHA Committees. States informed that Ministry of Rural Development is yet to nominate Hon'ble MPs in State Level DISHA Committee and in absence of nomination, they are not able to convene the meeting. The Para 6 of State Level DISHA Committee Guidelines provides that meeting can be convened even in the cases, where the process of nomination of the members has been completed only partially.

EA(RD) informed that with the approval of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, the provisions for nomination of Hon'ble MPs in State Level DISHA Committee has been modified and the nomination will be made shortly.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

**4, Formation of State Level DISHA Committees and convening their meetings regularly** -To resolve the issues of important and emergent nature, remaining unattended for want of apex level coordination in implementation of developmental schemes of Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development, vide its communication dated

31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 issued order for constitution of State Level DISHA Committee headed by the Chief Minister/Administrators on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 replacing the erstwhile Vigilance & Monitoring Committees. Meetings of State Level DISHA Committees are to be held at least once in six month. Hon'ble MRD wide his D.O. Letter No. Q-13016/01/2017-DISHA(pt) dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to the Hon'ble Chief Ministers of the States has requested them to convene DISHA Meetings regularly.

**Decision:** States/UTs were asked to take immediate steps to convene regular meeting of State Level DISHA Committee.

*(Action: All States/UTs)*

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