

**Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Incentivization Division**

Minutes of Meeting on revamping of National Panchayat Awards held with Nodal Ministries held on (14th July, 2022 at 11:00 AM)

A meeting (Video Conference) on revamping of National Panchayat Awards was held on 14th July, 2022 at 11:00 AM with Nodal Ministries under the chairmanship of Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kumar (Additional Secretary, MoPR) in presence of the Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera (Economic Adviser, MoPR) and remaining Incentivization Division staff. Three Ministries/Department namely, Rural Development, Water Resources and Health participated in the virtual meeting. The Ministries/Department of Women & Child Development, Drinking Water & Sanitation and Social Justice and Empowerment alongwith NITI Aayog did not attend the meeting. List of participants is at Annexure.

2. All the participating Ministries/Departments commended and agreed with the revamped awards structure. Specific comments of the participating Ministries/Departments are summarized as below:

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i.	Rural Development	Agreed with the restructured awards system.	Noted.
		Whether the awards questionnaires/short listing will be offline or online?	<p>MoPR informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The awards process will be online. • Field verification of the top 3 selected Gram Panchayats will be done by the concerned Committees at Block, District and State/UT level. • Short video films of the selected Panchayats at State/UT level will be prepared by the concerned States/UTs which would support the National Level Committees in shortlisting awardee. <p>It was also informed to representative from MoRD that prior to the meeting, comments were received from their Ministry on awards structure vide their O.M. dated 05.07.2022. The suggestions, in brief, given are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The thematic assessment of each panchayat will be carried up for each level selection which may lead to giving higher value to skewed performing Panchayat. ii. There should be awards for overall performing panchayats iii. The award for Block and District Panchayat

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			would be for inclusive development but award money earmarked does not reflect it. The universe from which the selection would be made is not clear.
ii.	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	Whether the chairperson of the thematic committee would be from D/o Water Resources?	Yes. Line Ministries would be the member and concerned Nodal Ministries may also include/nominate other line Ministries/Departments not indicated in the committee constitution structure along with domain experts.
iii.	Health	The internal Divisions have been requested for comments and would be accordingly shared.	Noted and comments to be sent by 15.07.2022.

3. The Chairman gave the following directions:

- i. The Ministries/Departments to share the comments by 15th July, specifically on awards structure/guidelines as the same is to be submitted further to M/o Home Affairs.
- ii. For a continuous follow-up with the Nodal Ministries, an inter-Ministerial Committee may be constituted, including nominated representatives from the Nodal Ministries/Departments. Regular meeting of the said Committee would be held subsequently.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

4. Follow up action to the meeting:

In line with the direction by the Chairman, Ministries/Department of Women & Child Development, Drinking Water & Sanitation and Social Justice and Empowerment alongwith NITI Aayog who did not participate in the meeting were subsequently requested for comments on the revamped awards structure and questionnaires. The comments were received only from D/o Drinking Water & Sanitation (D/o DWS) through email on 14.07.2022.

D/o DWS broadly agreed with the award structure while seeking information on quantum of award money to be sponsored for 'Clean and Green Panchayat' thematic award, flow of the award money to awardees from Nodal Departments, and the Department who would be responsible for preparing checklist for filed visit and criteria for ranking. D/O DWS also submitted comments on 'Clean and Green Panchayat' award theme Questionnaire.

Annexure

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Sl.No.	Name / Designation
Ministry of Panchayati Raj	
1.	Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kumar, Additional Secretary - Chairman
2.	Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera, Economic Adviser (Incentivization Division)
3.	Shri Vijay Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Incentivization Division)
4.	Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Under Secretary (Incentivization Division)
5.	Shri Manoj Sharma, Research Associate (Incentivization Division)
6.	Ms. Chandrani Saha, Consultant (Incentivization Division)
Nodal Ministries/Departments	
1.	Shri Naveen Kumar Shah, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
2.	Shri Suneel Kumar Arora, Adviser (C&M), National Water Mission, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
3.	Consultant (SDG), National Health Mission, M/o Health & Family Welfare
