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Dear Ma'am/Sch,

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As you are aware, eGramSwaraj- PFMS Interface (eGSPI) is being mandated to capture the expenditure of CFC funds by Panchayats. At present, more than 2.33 lakh Panchayats across the country are using eGSPI for transacting digitally for the development works being done in their local bodies. Further, there are various means through which receipts of payments are being collected at Panchayat level.

- It has been noticed that many Panchayats are still collecting cash from citizens under various 2. own source of revenue collection. With the advent of robust digital payment infrastructure being available at the grass roots, it is imperative that rural populace is also provided various modes of digital payments like UPI or e-wallets at the respective Panchayat Bhawan/ Secretariat in the form of QR code/ Soundbox based digital payments. This would not only mitigate the need for collection of cash from citizens but also add more transparency to the own source revenue collection process.
- 3. In view of the above, it is advised that the State Panchayati Raj Department issues necessary directions to the Panchayats to enable the same. Further the State department may engage with various digital payment service providers to set up an institutionalized process of digitized collection at all levels

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

To,

Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary,

Department of Panchayati Raj (All States and UTs)