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NOTICE

Ministry of Panchayati Raj looks into all matters relating to the Panchayati Raj and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The main mandate of the Ministry is to oversee the implementation of Part IX of the Constitution, implementation of Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) and capacity building of the PRIs. The Panchayati Raj system, includes 2,55,256 Gram Panchayats, 6,706 Intermediate Panchayats, 665 District Panchayats and about 16,150 traditional local bodies. The number of elected representatives of PRIs is around 31.50 lakh.

2. Realizing an emerging need of developing real-time information dissemination system / mechanism through interactive video conferencing, the Ministry intends to put in place a system of regular virtual interaction with the PRI representatives, particularly their Heads. It, therefore, proposes to develop a VC system where at least 6,000 to 10,000 Panchayat representatives can join as participants at the same time and at least 200 – 300 selected participants (Panchayats) may be given the facility for two-way interaction.

3. The need of regular interaction with Panchayats assumes greater significance to encourage the Panchayati Raj Institutions / Rural Local Bodies and ensure their engagement in different important activities and initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and other line Ministries/Departments. It is felt that real-time information dissemination and regular interaction with major stakeholders including State and UT Departments of Panchayati Raj, NIRD&PR, SIRD&PRs and representatives & functionaries of PRIs/ RLBs upto Gram Panchayat level are of immense importance to our Ministry and the virtual/ digital mode will be highly effective for this purpose.

4. In this regard, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, seeks interest of experienced and proficient Service providers for a **customized Video Conferencing Solution for Ministry of Panchayati Raj, New Delhi** to accommodate a large number of participants as mentioned in para 2 above. The agencies may send their concept note incorporating solution, software/hardware specifications/interventions and requirements. The concept note may be emailed at <u>sinha.santosh@nic.in</u> and <u>ak.tiwari12@nic.in</u> by 17th November, 2023. The shortlisted agencies will be called for a presentation before the Ministry for which separate date would be communicated.

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