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Ministry of Rural Development
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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am immensely pleased to share that with the enthusiastic support of the State Governments and under the guidance of Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs), we have been able to make huge strides towards the holistic development of 2000 Gram Panchayats (GPs) identified under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). So far, 1538 GPs through a meticulous structured participatory process have prepared Village Development Plans (VDP) containing 76,114 projects, of which implementation of 63.38 % is already completed.

- 2. I would like to reiterate that, all the Hon'ble Members of Parliament have been requested to identify five Gram Panchayats together for the development under SAGY-II(2019-24). Also, the MoRD in association with NIRD&PR has already provided capacity building to the Charge Officers of SAGY-II during July-September 2020. Besides, the SAGY portal is being revamped to measure the outcome of SAGY implementation and to closely monitor the implementation process at grassroot level.
- 3. Further, I have requested you in my earlier letter to share the contact details of an officer who has complete knowledge of your State schemes/components to upkeep the SAGY Division in updating State schemes for the SAMANVAY document. The response is still awaited from your state/UT (except states of Rajasthan, Jharkhand, and Haryana).
- 4. In this regard, I would like to bring to kind your notice that, setting up of a State Project Management Unit(SPMU) may help in expediting the implementation process of SAGY in your State. Moreover, as per Chapter 12.c. of the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) Guidelines, two full-time resource persons on contract need to be deployed to support the work of the State Level Empowered Committee as a support and coordination machinery. Hence, I would appreciate adopting appropriate norms by the state for the hiring of resource persons while considering their expected roles, responsibilities and tasks in effective implementation of the programme at the State level and may share the details with MoRD.

- 5. I would also appreciate issuance of necessary instructions to the concerned officials of the state for
  - a) Expedite the preparation of VDPs in the remaining GPs and implementation of proposed projects and update the data on the SAGY web portal (<a href="http://saanjhi.gov.in">http://saanjhi.gov.in</a>).
  - b) Request the Hon'ble MPs to identify 5 GPs together for development under SAGY-II (2019-24)
  - c) Share the Statement of Expenditure (SoE) for the funds released during the FY 2019-20 and 2020-21 with NIRD&PR and also to share the SoE for the funds released between FY 2015-2019 with SAGY Division.
  - d) Appoint a competent Charge Officer of sufficient seniority for every SAGY GP to coordinate the implementation at the local level and update about the same on SAGY portal.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Dr Biswajit Banerjee)

To

All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries, Department of Rural Development and/or Panchayati Raj of all States and UTs, (as per list).