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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am extremely delighted to share that 717 Gram Panchayats(GPs) have been identified by Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) under SAGY-II(2019-24) and out of 2227 GPs(All phases) identified under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), so far, 1,692 GPs through a meticulous structured participatory process have prepared Village Development Plans (VDP) containing 81,978 projects. Under the guidance of Hon'ble MPs and with the enthusiastic support of the State Governments, implementation of 63% of these projects is already completed.

2. You would agree with me that the ambitious goals targeted in Village Development Plans would be hugely beneficial for the Gram Panchayats identified under SAGY driving the GPs towards saturation under different schemes of Central and State Government and resources from many other sources viz. CSR funds, partnership with Private, Voluntary and Cooperative (PVC) sectors and also from Gram Panchayats' own revenue, resources mobilised in kind and labour, investments by concerned agencies themselves, and PPP etc. We can achieve seamless convergence for completion of all the VDP projects if various Schemes of the State Governments also enable priority to the SAGY Gram panchayats, in addition to the Central Schemes. In this regard, the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) may coordinate the convergence of Schemes among different State Government Departments as mentioned in the SAGY Guidelines. Also the District Collector and Charge officers may be directed to motivate the villagers to include some development activities under VDP that can be implemented through GP's own resources and through community participation.

3. I invite your kind attention to the fact that a number of Indian Corporates are actively contributing to rural development, especially through their CSR initiatives. As per the item (x) of Schedule VII of Companies Act 2013; a wide range of activities in the areas of Rural Development Projects may be taken up through CSR. In this regard, you are requested to explore the possibilities of incorporating CSR funds in the schemes planned under the Village Development Plans under SAGY.

4. May I also request you to include SAGY as an agenda item in your periodic review of Rural Development programmes. The District Collectors and Senior Officers may also be instructed to review SAGY periodically. I would also like to request you to issue advisories

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for sensitization of lower machinery including Nodal Officers, Charge Officers and other stakeholders for proactive role in availing CSR fund under convergence.

5. I look forward to your esteemed intervention and constant guidance for creating model villages.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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(Dr. Biswajit Banerjee)

To

**All Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/Secretaries
(RD/PR)
All States & UTs**