

**Proceedings of the State Executive Committee(High Power Committee) meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka on 14.8.2013 at 3.30 pm at Committee Room, Vidhana Soudha regarding approval of the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashakthikaran Abhiyaan(RGPSA) Action Plan -2013-14.**

**Officers Present:**

1. Sri. S.V. Ranganath, Chief Secretary, Govt. Of Karnataka, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
2. Sri. V. Umesh, Development Commissioner and Addtl. Chief Secretary, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
3. Sri. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, Principal Secretary, RDPR Deptt.
4. Dr. Amita Prasad, Director General, ANSSIRD, Lalith Mahal Road, Mysore.
5. Smt. V. Rashmi, Secretary (PR), RDPR Deptt.
6. Smt. H. Honnamba, Secretary, State Election Commission, Bengaluru.
7. Sri. K.V. Raghurama Reddy, Director, Planning Dept. Bengaluru.
8. Sri. Jagannath, Special Officer (ZP), Finance Deptt.
9. Sri. Yalakki Gowda, Director (PR), RDPR Deptt.
10. Sri. C.R. Revanna, Under Secretary, State Election Commission, Bengaluru.

Secretary (PR) welcomed the Chairperson and all the Members of the State Executive Committee and the other officials present at the meeting and explained the Objectives of the CSS Scheme RGPSA. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India has introduced RGPSA from March 2013. Existing schemes like RGSY, PMEYSA, e-PANCHAYAT are converged into this scheme. Karnataka has been asked to submit an Action Plan for about Rs 100 crores for the Financial Year 2013-14. This scheme is a Centrally sponsored scheme with 75:25 funding pattern from Central and State respectively. In 2012-13 an amount of Rs 3.03 crores was released to Karnataka.

The Committee discussed the Objectives of RGPSA and the manner in which it can be optimally achieved in Karnataka. The activities permitted in the scheme and the Action Plan presentation made were also reviewed. After detailed discussions the Committee resolved to adopt the Action Plan for 2013-14 as below.

**1. Appointment of Data Entry Operators for GP data entry work:** The administrative and technical support at the GP needs to be strengthened. In view of the increased data entry workload in Panchatantra portal, e-Swatthu and Worksoft and GOI schemes MIS there is a need for creation of a Data Entry Operator's post



at the GP who will be appointed after following mandated procedure as per Section 112 and 113 of the Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act, 1993 by the Gram Panchayat. Remuneration as per the Minimum Wages Act at Rs.6143 per month per GP was approved.

**2. Outsourced appointment of Technical Assistants at Taluka Panchayat:** Three Technical Assistants shall be outsourced for assisting the TP AEEs, AEs and JEs in their work mainly in preparation of estimates and undertaking work inspections. At least 8 GPs will be attached to each Work Assistant. Remuneration is at Rs.10,000/ per month was approved.

**3. Construction of GP buildings:** Two new GPs have been created in Raichur and Belgaum in 2012. Elections were conducted by the SEC in 2012 and the GPs have been constituted. Provision has been made for construction of a GP building for them at Rs.15,00,000/- per GP building.

**4. Renovation and repair of GP buildings:** 990 GPs have been identified which have not received any assistance under RGSY or RIDF for construction of GP Office buildings. Neither have they availed provisions under MNREGA for construction of the Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendras. These are GPs with very low per capita OSR. This assistance will help them improve their office space by provision of additional infrastructure. An assistance of Rs.3/- lakh per GP for 990 low per capita OSR was approved.

**5. Capacity Building and Training to Panchayat elected representatives and Panchayat functionaries:** ANSSIRD through a combination of face to face training programmes and SATCOM training will conduct training programmes in the Taluk Panchayat Resource Centers (Samarthya Soudhas), ZP and at ANSSIRD. An allocation of Rs.10 crores was approved for ANSSIRD training activities.

**6. Strengthening of institutional structures for training and capacity building:** It was proposed to construct a State Panchayat Resource Centre to give policy inputs to the State Government and resource inputs to ANSSIRD. It was also proposed to construct District Panchayat Resource Centres in all the districts. Presently there is institutional training facility at the TP level but no facility is there at the ZP/District level. Lands for the same have been identified. An allocation of Rs 2 crores for the State Panchayat Resource Centre construction and Rs 1 crore each for the District Panchayat Resource Centre construction was approved.



**7. Provision of staffing through outsourcing for the Taluk Panchayat Resource Centres(Samarthya Soudhas):**There is institutional training capacity for training at the TP level in the form of Samarthya Soudhas in 173 of the 176 Taluks and building construction is to commence in the other 3 Taluks. Presently there is no staff there resulting in lack of institutional management at the centres. Staffing through outsourcing to all the TPRCs was accepted through provision for three Resource Persons, an accountant, a computer operator and an executive assistant(Group D).Total remuneration per month was accepted at Rs.54,000/-per TPRC.

**8.e-Enablement of Panchayats:**The e-Panchayat PMU at the State level and the District level needs to be continued after the e-Panchayat scheme funding ends as the e-Panchayat scheme is merged in RGPSA. A provision of Rs 52.50 lakh was accepted for continuation of the State e-Panchayat Unit Manager,Technical Consultant,Accounts Expert and Office Assistant and the continuation of District e-Panchayat Manager.

**9.Creation of RGPSA PPMU at the State,ZP and TP:**RGPSA permits 5% expenditure on administrative expenses. To strengthen programme implementation the department will create PPMUs at the State,District and Taluk levels. All PPMUs are to be manned by outsourced personnel.At the State level the SPMU will have a Project Manager, Project Assistant, Data/MIS Operator and an Executive Assistant(Group D).Total remuneration of Rs 89,000/- per month was approved.At the District level DPMU and at the Taluk level TPMU it was approved to have a Project Manager,a Project Assistant and an MIS Operator.Total remuneration for each DPMU and TPMU was accepted at Rs.48,000/-and Rs.33,000/- respectively.

**10.Establishment of the Office of the District Ombudsman:**There is a provision in the KPR Act,1993 for appointment of District Ombudsman.The ARC as well as the FC have recommended that all States appoint Ombudsman in every district. Under RGPSA it is proposed to functionalise the Office of District Ombudsman. A remuneration of Rs.60,000/- month per district was accepted for the post of Ombudsman appointed through duly promulgated rules. The Ombudsman will be assisted through an Office Assistant cum Accountant( monthly expenditure at Rs.12,000/-per month per district).A one time provision for computer,UPS and printer made at Rs.40,000/-district with office expenses for vehicle hiring,TA at Rs.30,000/- per month per district was accepted.



**11. Information ,Education and Communication activities:** There is a provision for bearing IEC expenditure from 1% of the scheme funds. An allocation of Rs.1 crore has been earmarked for IEC activities. This will be released to the GPs for dissemination of information and mandatory disclosures on its statutory work. An amount of Rs 3 lakhs was released by GOI in 2012-13.

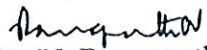
**12. Strengthening Panchayat processes in Panchayats with inadequate resource base:** Low own resource base GPs are poor in governance process as well as in discharge of statutory duties and service delivery. A grant of Rs 50,000/- will help these GPs conduct their Panchayat processes like Ward Sabhas, Gram Sabhas, Jamabandi (social audit) effectively. An allocation of Rs 3 crores for 600 Gram Panchayats at Rs.50,000/- per GP for 20 low resource GPs in every district was accepted.

**13. Strengthening of the State Election Commission:** The SEC in Karnataka does not have its own building. Therefore it was proposed that an allocation can be made for construction of its own building. However the Chair cautioned that first suitable land is to be identified and thereafter allocation can be proposed. With this condition approval was given.

**14. Innovative activities in the State:** The Chair agreed that for finalization of proposals for submission before the Central Executive Committee of RGPSA a State Level Committee headed by the Principal Secretary, RDPR be created. An allocation of Rs 2 crores at 2% of scheme allocation was approved.

Approval was given to send the State Action Plan 2013-14 (enclosed as Annexure) under RGPSA to the MORD.

Meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks.

  
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1. All officials present at the meeting.