

Proceedings of Departmental Review Meeting of Rural Development Department, held under the Chairmanship of Worthy Secretary (RD): to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on 24.04.2024 at 10:30 AM in the Committee Room, Eilerslie Building, HP Secretariat, Shimla-2:

A meeting to review various issues concerning Department of Rural Development was held under the Chairpersonship of Worthy Secretary (Rural Development & Panchayati Raj) to the Government of Himachal on 24.04.2024 at 10:30 AM in the Committee Room, Eilerslie Building, HP Secretariat, Shimla-2. The list of Participants is enclosed at Annexure "A".

At the outset Director RD welcomed Worthy Secretary (Rural Development) and thereafter with the permission of the Chair, agenda item wise review was taken up and after detailed deliberations/discussion, the following decisions were taken:-

- 1. BDO Office Complex Development Block Palampur:** Secretary (RD) directed that report be sought from DC Kangra whether old building of SDM office already notified for housing Block Palampur can be refurbished and used for the Block office instead of creating new infrastructure.

Action by: AD, RD-II, Directorate

- 2. Reorganization of GPs of Development Block Dehra & Jwalamukhi into a new Block:** In this regard, it was directed by Secretary (RD) that compliance report regarding notifying a new Block Surani after carving out GPs of Jawalamukhi Constituency from Dehra Block be uploaded on e-samadhan whereas, matter of re-organization of Dehra Block as per the report of DC Kangra be taken up separately. .

Action by: AD, RD-II, Directorate

- 3. Status of criminal cases pending with GPs:** Worthy Secretary directed the Department to share the directions given by worthy CS on the file.

Action by: Director, RD

- 4. Return of Rs. 16.7918 cr to GoI under WDC-PMKSY 1.0:** After detailed discussions the proposal of the Directorate for internalization of funds for return of Rs.16.7918 Crore to GoI was approved. It was further decided

letter for the AD in this regard be sent immediately so that the matter can be taken up with FD.

Action by: AD, RD-I, Directorate

- 5. Change of ownership of land at Androuli:** It was directed that the issue of land ownership at Androuli as raised by DC Una should be sent to worthy CS with the updates after the meeting with Addl PCCF on 24.04.2024.

Action by: Director, RD

- 6. Issues of Svamitva and Old Age Home:** It was decided that since these issues do not pertain to the Department of RD these should be omitted from further review.

- 7. Cabinet Proposals:** It was informed that only one proposal of BDO cadre review is pending for being laid before the Cabinet which will be formulated by the Secretariat and re-presented for the Cabinet's approval.

Action by: Secretariat branch

- 8. Setting up of intermediate office of Deputy Director Rural Development:** Regarding setting up of intermediate office of Deputy Director Rural Development at District level, it was decided that the proposal sent by Directorate vide letter dated 06.05.2023 shall be examined at the AD level and decision shall be taken on constitution of the District level office with staffing. Further, it was also directed that the intimation w.r.t. winding up of DRDAs in the State be shared with GoI.

Action by: AD, RD-II/ Secretariat branch

- 9. Immovable Assets of DRDAs:** Direction were given by the Worthy Secretary RD that letter be written to all PDs at District level to ensure mutation of all immovable assets which are continuing in name of DRDA in favour of RD Department. The Department will obtain the compliance report with respect to each immovable asset/ individual parcel of land.

Action by: AD, RD-II, Directorate

10. Budget provisions for the Year 2024-25: For ensuring timely expenditure against budget allocation for each scheme it was directed that component wise expenditure should be monitored on monthly basis and effort should be made to spend money quarter wise as per directions of FD. Similarly it was also decided that budget should not be left for expenditure in the last month leading to issues of lapse/ surrender of budget.

Action by: All ADs RD, Directorate & CEO HP SRLM

11. Identification of schemes for framing of guidelines: It was decided that Scheme for utilization of funds for Way-Side Amenities and SHG Sahyog Yojana have been approved in-principle by the Hon'ble MIC and Secretariat branch will formulate the guidelines and notify the same. In addition to the above it was also emphasized that MSBY Scheme shall be amended as per the directions of the Hon'ble MIC. Besides this, the Mahila Mandal Protsahan Yojna will be suitably amended to include incentive for the Self Help groups.

Action by: Secretariat branch

12. Timelines for submission of proposals to Gol: For timely claim of funds under all CSS, it was directed that Proposals/ Claims under all CSS should be submitted by the Directorate on timely basis so that the entire amount as per approved AAP's could be claimed by the State. For monitoring of Budget expenditure the Directorate will create a Google sheet.

Action by: All ADs RD, Directorate & CEO HP SRLM

13. Expenditure on State Schemes: It was directed that the HP SRLM would ask for the budget in respect of 'Laghu Dunkandar Sahyog Yojana' which was announced announced in last year's budget.

Action by: CEO, HP SRLM

14. Establishment matters of Rural Development Department:

- a. **Filling up of Vacant Posts:** Director RD was asked to review the vacancy position with respect to each of the post and submit proposal for filling up or abolition of such posts.
- b. **Framing/repealing/amendment of Recruitment and Promotion Rules of various categories:** The Directorate will submit proposals for amendment in R&P rules of various categories (requirement based) as per the format circulated by DOP within one month to the AD.
- c. **Rationalization of certain posts:** The Directorate will also submit proposal for the rationalization of LSEO/LVDC and drivers after MCC is lifted.

Action by: AD, RD-I/II

- d. **Discrepancy of remuneration:** Director, RD was directed to examine the reasons for discrepancy of remuneration of posts with similar nomenclature for the personnel hired on outsourcing basis and whether it can be equalized. It was further said that nomenclature/designation of posts manned by the outsourced staff should be amended that they do not resemble any of the post available in the Government sector so as to avoid personnel issues in the future.

Action by: AD, RD-I/II / Secretariat branch

- 15. Infrastructure & other components:** It was directed that the Directorate (RD) will scrutinize and then submit various proposals for the sanction of funds for infrastructural requirements as per demand of the field offices to Secretariat. Similarly it was also decided that BDO Lambagaon should be asked to refund the unspent funds lying at Lambagaon DB sanctioned for the construction of BDO Office. After refund, these funds then will be utilized for repair of Directorate office.

16. Matters including Court cases: For Court cases in which clarifications are pending from Secretariat, Worthy Secretary RD directed that the Secretariat branch will discuss the list of matters listed at Annexure-I and K in the meeting separately with him. It was further said that for all matters in which information has been sought by the Directorate the same should be provided promptly. Director RD also requested that clarifications from the government be issued at the earliest since execution/ contempt petitions in the matter are listed at short dates.

Action by: AD, RD-I/II / Secretariat branch

17. Budget announcements: Budget announcements of Hon'ble CM were discussed in detail. It was decided that the issue regarding grant of 3 lakh as housing assistance to MGNREGA workers shall be put up on file. It was also decided that the Directorate will take up matter with GoI for reflecting earlier wage rate of Rs. 240 for non-tribal areas in NREGASOFT until the wage rate of Rs. 300 is approved for implementation by ECI.

Action by: AD RD-I/II

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.

By Order

Director

Rural Development Department

Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9

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Copy forwarded to the following for necessary action:-

1. The CEO, NRLM, RDD, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9
2. The Additional Director (I&II), RDD, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9
3. The Under Secretary(RD) to the Govt. of H.P., Shimla-2
4. Guard file.

Additional Director

Rural Development Department

Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9

Annexure-A

Participants of the departmental review meeting of Rural Development Department held on 24.4.2024.

1. Director, Rural Development Department , H.P.
2. CEO, HPSRLM, RDD
3. Sh. Robin George, Additional Director-I, RDD
4. Dr. Bhawna, Additional Director-II, RDD
5. Sh. Sarjeev, Under Secretary(RD)to the GoHP
6. Sh. Vijay Bragta, Deputy Director-SIRD
7. Smt. Sonia Baniyal, Deputy Director, Law, RD/PR
8. Smt. Seema Sharma, Deputy Director, STAT
9. Sh. Rajesh Chandel, Executive Engineer, RD&PR
- 10.Smt. Kalyani Gupta, DD/PD, SLNA, RDD
- 11.Sh. Narayan Singh, Section Officer, RD to the GoHP
- 12.Sh. Kedar Nath Pandey, Supdt. Grade-I, RDD
- 13.Sh. Amar Singh Rana, Statistical Officer, MGNREGA, RDD
- 14.Sh. Nishant Gupat, Supdt. Grade-II, RD to the GoHP
- 15.Sh. Naresh Thakur, Supdt. Grade-II, SLNA/XEN Branch, RDD
- 16.Sh. Raja Ram Verma, Supdt. Grade-II, STAT Branch, RDD
- 17.Sh. Devi Dayal, Supdt. Grade-II, CD-I Branch, RDD
- 18.Sh. Nand Lal, Supdt. Grade-II, Budget Branch, RDD
- 19.Sh. Aadarsh Jamalta, Supdt. Grade-II, CD-II Branch, RDD
- 20.Smt. Paramjeet Sharma, Supdt. Grade-II, MGNREGA/CD-III, RDD
21. Smt. Vandana, Supdt. Grade-II, NRLM, RDD