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Dear Principal Secretary,

As you are aware, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) has been approved by CCEA and the same was launched on 24.04.2018, National Panchayat Raj Day by Hon'ble Prime Minister. Further, based on the discussions held during the Consultative Workshop on 4th -5th June, 2018 at NIRD&PR, Hyderabad and further inputs received from States, the draft Framework for Implementation of RGSA, has also been shared with you. The Framework is in the process of approval and will soon be circulated for rollout and submission of Annual Action Plan, for taking up interventions under the Scheme in respect of your State.

2. As you are aware that the Government is undertaking Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (EGSA) campaign in the 117 Aspirational Districts identified by NITI Aayog. You will appreciate that the Panchayats play a critical role in the implementation of various interventions of the identified major schemes / programmes under EGSA in the villages of Aspirational Districts. Consequently, it is important to immediately undertake Capacity Building and Training (CB&T) activities of the Elected Representatives of Gram Panchayats of these Aspirational Districts. Further, please also refer to my earlier D.O. letter dated 22nd May, 2018 wherein it has been stated that the newly launched scheme of RGSA will adopt the Framework for convergence of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRI) and Self Help Groups with a view to enhance community mobilization for effective implementation of public programs. Therefore, CB&T activities under RGSA need to be appropriately geared towards harnessing such PRISHG partnerships to connect with the poorest households.

3. In view of the facts mentioned above, it is requested that the CB&T of Elected Representatives of Panchayats of these Aspirational Districts may be taken up on priority basis. Approval of AAP and release of funds may take some time. However, unspent balances available with you for left over activities can be utilized for undertaking some of these activities. It is, therefore, requested that necessary action in this regard may be taken at an early date. This may be accorded high priority, and action taken may also be intimated to this Ministry.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,
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