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From : Shri Dibyendu Das
Special Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

To : The District Magistrate,
Darjeeling (Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad)/ Jalpaiguri/ Alipurduar/ Coochbehar/ Uttara
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Sub: Selection of Gram Panchayats for Model Gram Panchayat as Panchayat Learning Centre under RGSA scheme

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware that Rastriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSA), a centrally sponsored scheme with State share is implemented across the country since 2018-19. The main objectives of the scheme are to provide support in the Capacity Building & Training of the Elected Representatives and Functionaries of the Gram Panchayats and the hand holding support in preparation of GPDP. Under RGSA one other component is that development of Model Gram Panchayats as Panchayat Learning Centres (PLC) or Immersion sites, which will enable them to host regular exposure visits.

It has been observed that exposure visits to well performing Panchayats is one of the most effective ways of learning for Elected Representatives and Functionaries of PRIs. During these visits they themselves get to see the good work done by other Panchayats, challenges faced by them and avenues explored to overcome those challenges. In order to scale up and streamline such exposure visits, both within the state and outside the state, MoPR developed provision for development of Model Panchayats as Panchayat Learning Centres (PLC).

As per guideline of RGSA, development of Model Panchayats may be in two areas:

- 1) Areas relating to good governance, enhancing efficiency, transparency and participation,
- 2) Sector specific areas relating to Schedule 11.

It may be in two ways:

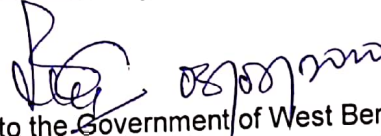
- a) Through mapping of already existing good examples/ best practices in Gram Panchayats
- b) Development of new Panchayats where there are no good examples nearby or no replicable good examples in that thematic area.

Parameters for selection

- Selection of PLCs will be done on core institutional functioning like regular meetings, functioning of standing committees, Gram Sabha meetings, preparation of GPDP, high percentage of revenue collection, updated accounts and maintenance of records, good SHG-PRI convergence, provision of basic civic services such as drinking water, sanitation etc.
- In addition, thematic excellence across sectors linked to SDGs such as natural resource management, education, health and sanitation, child development and nutrition, women empowerment, inclusion of vulnerable groups specially in the backward areas and of backward class people, disaster management, environment protection, biodiversity conservation etc. will be considered.

In the above context you are requested to select and send the names of best three (3) Gram Panchayats of your District, which have done outstanding work but have been left out in the award process, along with account name, IFSC code to the undersigned by 13/07/2020 positively at starpardtraining@gmail.com. Selected Best Gram Panchayat of each district will be supported @Rs.4 lakhs per GP in developing their areas of strength so that they can continuously expand their areas of excellence and become richer learning sites. Other two Gram Panchayats of each district will be developed as future PLC.

Yours faithfully,

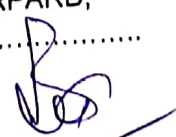

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2. The District Panchayats and Rural development Officer, Darjeeling (Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad)/ Jalpaiguri/ Alipurduar/ Coochbehar/ Uttar Dinajpur/ Dakshin Dinajpur/ Malda/ Murshidabad/ Nadia/ Birbhum/ Purulia/ Purba Medinipur/ Paschim Medinipur/ Jhargram/ Purba Bardhaman/ Paschim Bardhaman/ Bankura/ Howrah/ Hooghly/ North 24 Parganas/ South 24 Parganas,
3. Sri Soumyajit Dutta, Officer on Special Duty to the Panchayats and Rural Development Department & Administrative Officer of STARPARD,
4. Sri/Smt.....


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