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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

D.O. No. M-11015/124/2021-CB

Dated: 22nd December 2021

Dear *Shri Tiwari,*

As you are aware, India is a signatory to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030. Ministry of Panchayati Raj is committed to the achievement of SDGs in rural India through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme being implemented by this Ministry aims to strengthen the capacities of PRIs for rural local governance to become more responsive towards local development needs, preparing the participatory plans that leverage technology, efficient and optimum utilization of available resources for realising sustainable solutions to local problems linked to SDGs.

2. In this context, the Expert Group constituted by this Ministry to provide inputs on '**Localization of SDGs through Panchayati Raj Institutions**' has submitted a detailed report with recommendations on strategies and initiatives including capacity building of the elected representatives of the PRIs, inter-ministerial convergence on evidence-based monitoring as well as incentivization for best performing Panchayats.

3. For the PRIs to localize the SDGs, it was recommended that a thematic approach be taken to cover most relevant SDGs in 9 themes so that PRIs can relate SDGs through those themes with Local Targets aligned to the National Targets. The Local Indicator Framework (LIF) coupled with Panchayat Development Index (PDI) would be an effective tool to monitor progress at the local level as well as to identify crucial areas. Integration of Panchayat SDG Dashboard to State & sub-State level, as well as National Dashboard of NITI Aayog is an area that needs considerable attention. Further, this exercise will involve extensive cooperation and coordination among different Ministries/ Departments at both Government of India and State level viz. Education, Women & Child Development, Rural Development, Health, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Renewable Energy etc.

4. I am happy to share the above mentioned Expert Group Report with you. We have earlier shared this report with the Panchayati Raj Department of your State. This Ministry is working on a strategy to ensure achievement of the SDGs in rural areas by 2030 with the active cooperation of different Ministries / Departments of Government of India, State Governments and different stakeholders. I will be grateful if you could share this report with all related Departments in your State. We look forward to receiving the State Government's full support as it is imperative that the attainment of SDGs becomes not only a 'whole of Government' but also 'whole of community' goal.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Sunil Kumar)
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Encl: As stated

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