

## **CHAPTER 14 :** **RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATI RAJ**

### **Rural Development**

- The main objective of the Rural Development Department is to implement the poverty alleviation programme, promote employment generation and area development programmes in the rural areas of the State. The following State and Centrally Sponsored Developmental Schemes and programmes are being implemented in the State.

### **Deen Dayal Antyodaya National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAYNRLM)**

- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (**MoRD**), Government of India in **June 2011**.
- In **November 2015**, the program was **renamed Deendayal Antayodaya Yojana (DAY-NRLM)**.
- The Mission aims at creating efficient and effective institutional platforms of the rural poor, enabling them to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial services.
- NRLM is being **implemented across the State in 50 intensive blocks**. Rest of the blocks will be undertaken for the implementation of intensive strategy in a phased manner.
- **The main features of this programme are as under:-**
  1. Self employment by imparting area/need based trainings in different trades to SHGs through RSETIs,
  2. Women employment through providing opportunities for livelihood earnings to the women of all rural households by giving them necessary trainings under NRLM.
  3. Wage employment is also being provided to the SHG women through MGNREGS.
- Himachal Pradesh has formed **approximately 18000 women self help groups (SHG) under NRLM**. After getting registered on portal, these SHGs will be eligible for getting **financial benefits** under NRLM to start their livelihood activities.
- **The incentives being provided to the women SHGs are as under:-**
  - All DAY-NRLM women SHGs will be **eligible for interest subvention on credit up to ` 3.00 lakh at 7 percent per annum**. This scheme has been segregated into **two type of districts**.
  - Category 1 Districts: Kangra, Mandi, Shimla and Una (under Govt. of India)
  - Category 2: Districts Bilaspur, Chamba, Hamirpur, Kinnaur, Kullu, Lahaul & Spiti, Sirmaur and Solan (under State Govt. ie HPSRLM).

### **Startup funds:-**

- Start up fund ₹ 2500.00 is provided to all SHGs and Village Organisations (VOs) instantly after the formation.

### **Revolving fund (RF):-**

- Revolving fund of **Ten to Fifteen thousand** is provided to SHGs who have been practicing **Punchsutra** (regular SHGs meetings, savings, inter loaning, repayments and proper record keeping) for the last 3 months.

#### **Community Investment Fund (CIF):**

- CIF of **`50 thousand to `1.10 lakh** is provided to each SHG who have adopted regular internal lending out of savings and revolving funds to the members by small loans for the last 6 months.

#### **Livelihood Promotion**

- HPSRLM has identified approx. 16,000 SHGs which are involved in different livelihood activities. From this year onwards HPSRLM is also working in direction to enhance the farm livelihood opportunities which have wide scope in convergence to Zero Based Natural Farming (ZBNF).

#### **Deen Dyal Upadhaya- Gramin Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY)**

- **14.3** Deen Dyal Upadhaya-Gramin Kaushalya Yojana is a national flagship programme for skilling under the Ministry of Rural Development with aim to skill provide rural poor youths with jobs having regular monthly wages at or above the minimum wages.

#### **Beneficiaries under the DDU-GKY:-**

- The target group of DDU-GKY are **poor rural youth** in the age group **15-35**.
- Below poverty line (**BPL**) **households**, shall also be eligible to avail the skilling programme.
- Youth from MGNREGA worker households, with **at least 15 days work** in the previous financial year by any of its family members.
- Youth from a household with **RSBY (Rashtriya Sawasath Bima Yojana) card** wherein the detail of youth is mentioned in the card.
- Youth from household who have been issued **Antyodaya Yojana/ BPL PDS cards**.
- Youth from a household where a family member is a member of SHG under NRLM.
- Youth from a household covered under auto inclusion parameters **as per SECC, 2011** (when notified), shall also be eligible to avail the skilling programme.

#### **Benifits under the Scheme:-**

- Under the project it has been assured that **70% of the trained candidates will get placements in various Sectors**.
- Under this Scheme training and residential facilities are provided free of cost to the trainees.
- Course duration varies from **3-12 months**.

#### **Watershed Development Programme**

- With the objective to develop wastelands/ degraded lands, drought-prone and desert areas and to restore the ecological balance by harnessing, and developing natural resources, employment generation, poverty alleviation the integrated wastelands development is being implemented on watershed approach in the State. This programme is being implemented on the **funding pattern of 90:10 between Centre and State**

### **Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G)**

- The PMAY-G aims to provide a **pucca house** with basic amenities to all houseless households and households living in kutchha and dilapidated house **by 2022**. The minimum unit size has been enhanced from the existing 20 sq. mt. to 25 sq. mt and it includes a dedicated area for hygienic cooking. The unit assistance has also been increased from ` 75,000 to ` **1.30 lakh in hilly states and difficult areas**. The identification of beneficiaries is done using SECC-2011 data. As on December, 2019, 759 beneficiaries have been sanctioned and 65 houses have been completed out of 900 target of 2019-20.

### **State Rural Housing Schemes**

- Following housing schemes are run by State Government.

#### **i) Mukhya Mantri Awaas Yojana (MMAY)**

- The State Government had announced this scheme in the budget of 2016-17 for the first time for general category BPLs in the State. The benefits of this scheme have been extended to all categories of BPLs from previous financial year 2018-19.

#### **ii) Mukhya Mantri Awaas Repair Yojana (MMARY)**

- Under this scheme, beneficiaries are selected by a committee headed by SDM of the area in which BDO & SDO (Dev) are members.

### **Saansad Adrash Gram Yojana (SAGY)**

- The programme was launched by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi on the birth anniversary of Jayaprakash Narayan, on **11 October 2014**.
- The main objective of the SAGY is to trigger processes which lead to **holistic development of the identified Gram Panchayats**. The yojana aims to improve the standard of living and quality of life of all sections of the population through improved basic amenities, higher productivity, enhanced human development, better livelihood opportunities and reduced disparities. Under Phase-II of SAGY implementation, one MP has identified the Adrash GP e.g **Anurag Thakur ( MP from Hamirpur constituency) has choses Chatra village in Una district under SAGY phase II**.

### **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM) H.P.**

- Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM) was launched by the Prime Minister on 21 February 2016. The objective of the National Rurban Mission (NRuM) is to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services, and create well planned Rurban clusters.
- **The larger outcomes envisaged under this Mission are:-**
- Bridging the rural-urban divide-viz economic, technological and those related to facilities and services.
- Stimulating local economic development with emphasis on reduction of poverty and unemployment in rural areas.
- Spreading development in the region.

- Attracting investment in rural areas.
- Six clusters have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Rural Development Govt. of India, which are given below.

District	Cluster	Gram Panchayats	Phase	Approved in
Kinnaur	Sangla	Batseri, Chansu, Chhitku, Kamru, Rakchham, Sangla, Themgrang (Boning Saring)	I	March 2016
Solan	Hinner	Banjani, Chail, Dhangeel, Hinner, Jhajha, Nagali, Sakoli	I	March 2016
Mandi	Aut	Aut (SDR), Jhiri, Kotadhar, (SDR) Nagwin, (SDR)Kigash, Takoli	II	Oct. 2016
Kinnaur	Moorang	Moorang, Thangi, Rispa, Kunnu, Charang	II	August 2017
Chamba	Sihunta	Hatali, Balana, Gola, Thulet	III	August 2017
Shimla	Ghannahatti	Neri, Chaily, Totu Majthai, Bycheri, Ghannahatti, Ganeog Nehra, Shakarah.	III	August 2017

### Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)

- The Government of India has launched the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) on 02.10.2014 to achieve the goal of Swachh Bharat by 2019.

### State Reward Schemes:-

#### Mahila-Mandal Protsahan Yojna

- Since Year 2008 Mahila Mandal Protshahan Yojana **to award active Mahila Mandal for incorporation of aims and objectives of sanitation in their ground level** working has implemented. This scheme has been totally linked with the sanitation programme and a sum of ` 193.00 lakh has been allocated during the year 2019-20 to provide incentives to Mahila Mandals who have performed good work under Sanitation in their village/ward and Gram Panchayat area as per scheme's guidelines.

#### Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS):

- The Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was notified by the Government of India in **September, 2005** and was made effective w.e.f. **2nd February, 2006**. In the 1st Phase, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) was introduced in District Chamba and Sirmaur on 2nd February, 2006. In second phase NREGS was started in District kangra and

Mandi w.e.f.1-4- 2007. Now in the third phase all the remaining 8 district of the State have been covered under the scheme w.e.f. 1-4-2008.

**Note :** On 2nd October 2009 an amendment was made in the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005, to **change** the nomenclature of the Act from **NREGA to MGNREGA**.

### **Panchayati Raj**

- At present there are **12 Zila Parishads, 78 Panchayat Samities and 3,226 Gram Panchayats** constituted in this State.
- After the enactment of 73rd amendment in the Constitution, the present tenure is the **fifth term** of the Panchayats.
- Gram Panchayats have been empowered to collect the land revenue from the land owners/ right holders and Gram Panchayats will use the collected land revenue at their own level. Gram Panchayats have also been authorized to impose various taxes, fees and fines and also to borrow money/ raise loans for creation of income generating assets. Panchayats have been empowered to prepare plans. Gram Panchayats have also been authorized to grant permission for erection of mobile communication towers and to levy fee. Gram Panchayats have also been empowered to hear and decide the application for maintenance under section 125 of the Cr.P.C.1973 and can grant a maintenance allowance not exceeding `500 per month. Cess of `1.00 per bottle of liquor sold in the rural area is collected and transferred to the Gram Panchayat for utilization in the developmental activities.
- It has been made mandatory that village level functionaries of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Primary Education, Forest, Health and Family Welfare, Horticulture, Irrigation and Public Health, Revenue and Welfare Departments shall attend the meetings of the Gram Sabha in whose jurisdiction they are posted.

### **The other major provisions relating to Panchayati Raj are as under:-**

- I. The State Government is providing honorarium to the elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions.
- II. The Government is providing grant-in-aid to PRIs for meeting the expenditure on Travelling and Daily Allowances of the elected representative of PRIs.
- III. Under **National Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)**, `2.50 crore (`5.00 lakh per panchayat) has been released to 50 Gram Panchayats for construction / repair/ upgradation of Gram Panchayat Ghar. In addition to this, `2.50 crore (`5.00 lakh per panchayat) has been released to 50 Gram Panchayats for construction of **Common Service Centers**.
- IV. Under **Mission Mode Project (e-Panchayat Project)** of the Government of India, **12 core software applications** have been rolled out in the PRIs. The training to the officials of the Panchayats/ Departments on these applications has been organized in the **Panchayati Raj Training Institutes**. The Panchayati Raj Institutions have already started using these software applications.

- During the year 2019-20 the training have been imparted to 26,488 representatives/employees of Panchayati Raj Institutions on various subjects.

## **CHAPTER 15 : HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

### **Housing**

Government of Himachal Pradesh through Housing and Urban Development Authority (HIMUDA) is providing Houses, Flats and developing plots of various categories, so as to meet the housing demand of the people of various income groups, in the public sector.

Construction work of Housing colonies at Theog, Flowerdale, Sanjauli, Mandhala Parwanoo, Jurja (Nahan) and Bhatolikhurd (Baddi) are in progress and the colonies at Chhabgroti, Flowerdale, and Parwanoo have been completed. HIMUDA has Land bank of 1,321 bighas in various places in Himachal Pradesh.

HIMUDA has constructed its **Circle office (North) building in Dharamshala** as a pilot project within a record period of four months by using latest **EPS (expanded polystyrene) technology**.

To reduce human interface and in order to bring more transparency, HIMUDA has moved towards the e-governance and has digitalized the record in Head office. Now, HIMUDA website is dynamic with online web enabled services to facilitate online application and allotment thereof.

### **Urban Development**

There are **54 urban local bodies** in Himachal Pradesh including **Shimla and Dharamshala Municipal Corporation**. The Government is providing grant-in-aid every year to these local bodies to enable them to provide civic amenities to the general public. As per the recommendations of the State Finance Commission up to December, 2019 a sum of ` 130.90 crore has been released to the ULBs.

### **Maintenance of Roads in Municipal Areas:**

About **3,098 kms. roads/ paths/ streets and drains** are being maintained by these urban local bodies.

### **National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM)**

- The main objective of NULM is **to reduce poverty among the urban poor through the promotion of diversified and gainful self employment and skill wage employment opportunities**, resulting in an appreciable improvement in their livelihood on a sustainable basis.
- This scheme includes `employment through skill training and placement, Self Employment Programme, Shelter for Urban Homeless, Support to Urban Street Vendors etc.
- NULM has been **implemented in Himachal Pradesh by Urban Development Department**.
- Under the mission 179 Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed, 371 beneficiaries were provided skill training under this scheme and 100 candidates have been provided placement. 125 individuals and 65 SHGs were provided

loan assistance on subsidised interest for setting up their micro enterprises. About 507 street vendors have been surveyed in 23 nagar Panchayats.

### Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)

- **Shimla and Kullu have been included** under this Mission, during the financial year 2017-18.
- During the financial year 2019-20 there is a budget provision of ` 55.00 crore as Centre and State share under this scheme.
- **Smart City Mission (SCM)**
- The Smart City Mission has been launched in **June, 2015**. Municipal Corporation **Dharamshala** has been approved by Government of India under the mission with a project cost of ` 2,109.69 crore. Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for Dharamshala Smart City Ltd. has been registered under company Act, 2013. During the financial year 2017-18 Municipal Corporation, **Shimla** has also been selected under Smart City Mission by Government of India with a project cost of ` 2,905.97 crore.
- Out of the total 74 projects in Dharamsala, 6 projects have been completed and 11 more projects are initiated.

### Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)

- Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) is a flagship Programme of Government of India and being implemented in all statutory towns by Ministry of Housing Affairs, Government of India. The main aim of Swachh Bharat Mission is to make cities/towns open defecation free and provide a healthy and livable environment to all.
- Various IEC (Information Education Communication) activities are being conducted regularly in the State for awareness of general public, through Swachhta Pakhwara, hoardings /banners, nukkad natak, print and electronic media, rallies etc .

### Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna Housing for all (Urban)

- A new mission "Housing for all" (Urban) has been launched by the Government of India to be effective from **17.06.2015 to 31.03.2022**. The aim of this scheme is to provide houses for **slum dwellers** under in-situ slum rehabilitation component providing affordable houses for economically weaker sections.

### 14th Finance Commission Grant:-

- The 14th Finance Commission has recommended **two types of grant** namely **basic grant** to be released unconditionally and **performance grant** subject to fulfillment of certain conditions as laid down in the 14th Finance Commission.

### Construction of Parkings:-

- The funds under this scheme are released in the ratio of **50:50**. (i.e. 50 percent is provided by the Govt. and 50 percent by the concerned ULBs).

### Development of Parks in Urban Local Bodies:-

- The funds under this scheme are released in the ratio of **60:40** (i.e.) 60 percent is provided by the Govt. and 40 percent by the concerned (ULBs).

### Town and Country Planning:

- **The Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Act, 1977** has been enforced in 55 Planning Areas (1.60 percent of the total geographical area of the State) and 35 Special Area (2.06 percent of the total geographical area of the State).
- Development Plans for **6** Planning/Special Areas namely **Dhualakuan-Majra, Jogindernagar, Shri Chintpurni, Bhota, Bharmour and Ner-Chowk** are under preparation.

### Single Window System

- For convenience of the public in getting their planning permission cases cleared under Municipal as well as TCP legislations at one place the "Single Window System" was introduced in most of the Municipal areas.

### REAL STATE REGULATORY ACT (RERA):

- The Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) has been constituted in the State in **2019**, which has started functioning in Shimla.

## **CHAPTER 16 : INFORMATION AND SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY**

### HIMSWAN

- Under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP), Department of Information Technology, Himachal Pradesh (DITHP) created secure network called HIMSWAN (Himachal State Wide Area Network). HIMSWAN provides secured network connectivity to all the State Government Departments till block level and provides various G2G (Government to Government), G2C (Government to Citizens) and G2B (Government to Business) services. 2,117 Government Offices across the State are connected through HIMSWAN network.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India funded this project for **initial period of six years**. HIMSWAN was **set-up on 05.02.2008** and thus Department of Electronics and Information Technology DeitY, **Government of India funding period got over in the year 2014**. Now the State Government bearing the cost of operation and maintenance of this project.
- Department of Information Technology, (DIT) has commissioned the **Himachal Pradesh State Data Centre (HPSDC)** to host IT applications of various Government Departments for the benefit of citizens and to create common infrastructure for State Government Offices.

### Setting up of Lok Mitra Kendra (LMKs)

- Presently **3701 LMKs** have been established in Himachal Pradesh for providing G2C services such as, Electricity Bill Collections, Jamabandi and several services.

### Revenue Court Case Monitoring System (RCMS)

- **16.5** Revenue Court Case Monitoring System has been developed by the Department of Information Technology for the use of Revenue Courts at Division, District, S.D.M. and Tehsil level. This system captures the routine proceedings of revenue courts, interim orders and Judgments. At present, 282



Revenue Courts are using **RCMS software** and 83,603 court cases have been entered in the RCMS.

### **Unique ID (Aadhaar)**

- Aadhaar program was started in Himachal Pradesh in December, 2010 and since then the State Government has maintained a leading position in terms of Aadhaar generation. There are 73,84,022 residents in the State (projected population 2019). 78,41,393 UIDs (106.19%) have been generated in the State. Aadhaar seeding in PDS database is 98.4 percent, MGNREGA it is 97.39 percent, Education 99.90 percent, National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) 90.00 percent, LPG 91.79 percent, Election 71.71 percent and EPF 35.32 percent.

### **E-Office**

- E-Office aims at file Movement automation in Government offices making the process more efficient, effective and transparent for inter-government and intra-government transactions.

### **E- District**

- e-District Project is a Mission Mode Project (MMP), that aims to provide integrated citizen centric services. It envisages integrated and seamless delivery of citizen services by district administration through automation of work flow, backend computerization, and data digitization across participating departments.
- 62 e-Services under e-district launched in all 12 Districts.
- **M/s Terra Ciss Technologies Ltd.** is working as SI (System Integrator) for State Wide roll-out of e-District MMP

### **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Scheme**

- Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is a program to transfer subsidies directly to the people. The primary aim of this is to bring transparency and terminate pilferage from distribution of funds sponsored by the Government.

### **Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp Helpline 1100**

- Citizens can register their complaints from anywhere in the State by dialing Toll Free Number 1100. Their call is registered online on the portal and the same is tracked till the resolution of the complaint. The closure of complaint is done in the software only after getting confirmation from the complainant.
- As on 31 Dec 2019, total 74 Departments have been mapped with the CM Seva Sankalp Helpline.

### **DigiLocker**

- DigiLocker is a cloud based platform for issuance and verification of documents & certificates digitally. Digi Locker has been implemented in 11 departments across the State including Departments of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS & CA), Himachal Pradesh Staff Selection Commission (HPSSC), Himachal Pradesh Swasthya Bima Yojana (HPSBY), Horticulture, Transport, Panchayati Raj , Ayurveda etc.

### **Bharat Net**

- Bharat Net is an initiative of Government of India to provide broadband services to the gram panchayats of the country. It aims to provide broadband connectivity especially in rural areas. It is the world's largest rural connectivity scheme to be connected by the Optical Fibre network.
- **207 GPs (Gram Panchayats) in 6 Blocks** of *Hamirpur* (Nadaun, Sujanpur Tihra, Bijhari, Bamsan), *Mandi* (Seraj) and *Solan* (Nalagarh) are connected using high speed internet bandwidth under **Bharat Net Phase-I project**.
- 170 GPs are further providing Wi-Fi connectivity to the people under **Wi-Fi Choupal project**.
- Telecom Service Providers have been encouraged to provide telecommunication facility in remote areas. **M/s Reliance Jio** has planned 42 BTSs (**Broadband Telecom Services**) in Lahaul & Spiti out of which 11 BTSs have been installed and made live.

### HP MyGov

- This unique platform aims to enhance citizen partnership with the State Government and vice versa. MyGov Himachal **assists people of the State to communicate their views, suggestions and feedback**. The State Government launched the citizen engagement platform MyGov Himachal (<http://himachal.mygov.in>) on **6th January, 2020**.

### New Initiatives

- The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) uses IT tools to ensure a SMART (Simple, Moral, Accountable, Responsive and Transparent) Government.
- Industrial Development wing has been set up as a single window facilitator for the development of IT related Industries in the State.
- **Setting up Software Technology Park:** The State Government has set up hi-tech habitats at **Shimla, Solan, Hamirpur, Baddi, Parwanoo, Kullu, Mandi and Dharamshala**. Hi-tech habitats are being built at more locations in the State in a phased manner and **Software Technology Parks of India, Ministry of IT, Government of India, has set up a Software Technology Park and High Speed Data Connectivity facility in Shimla (Mehli)**.
- Another such park is **proposed to be** set up **near the Gaggal airport in Kangra district**, for which land has been identified.

### Telemedicine:

- This programme has improved the health services of the State by providing access of experts to common man even at PHC level.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS :**

- **Shakti Button App'** and '**Gudia helpline' "1515"** has been launched by Government of Himachal for the protection of women.

- To deal strongly with the forest, mining and drug mafia, '**Hoshiar Singh helpline' 1090** has been started.
- **Shakti Button App'** : Shakti Button initiative of Himachal Pradesh Police in association with National Informatics Centre, Himachal Pradesh is meant to help citizen (women in particular) who are in distress and need help while in Himachal Pradesh.
- The app provides mechanism to set up to **three emergency contacts** to the app user from the device's contact list.
- User has to set home district where the user ordinarily resides, draft emergency message of up to **110 characters** and choose emergency contacts. Whenever in distress the user can shake the phone, throw it or can also use the **RED SHAKTI Button** available on the main screen to send alert. The app sends SMS containing user's **GPS coordinates** to the Police district control room as well as to the selected emergency contacts. The app also starts audio and video recording on the device.
- The app also provides helpline numbers set up by the state/central government to help citizen. **The app is available in both English and Hindi.**

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