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WORKSHOP ON PRIS AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS

1892. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific objectives of the workshop on Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and community based organisations-universalisation of convergence;**
- (b) whether the Ministry proposes to ensure effective convergence between gram panchayats and community-based organizations and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the various development models and livelihood projects implemented through the Kudumbashree National Resource Organisation;**
- (d) the criteria likely to be used to select the States and blocks for implementing convergence projects in phases;**
- (e) whether the convergence between Panchayati Raj institutions and community-based organizations helped in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the States and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the key recommendations or strategies discussed during the workshop for achieving SDGs related to drinking water, sanitation, health, poverty alleviation, social security, gender equality, quality education, employment, financial growth and participatory planning; and**
- (g) the agreements that were signed regarding the expansion of convergence projects with Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, Meghalaya and Puducherry?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

a): The Ministry of Rural Development(MoRD) has conducted a National level Workshop on Panchayat Raj Institutions(PRI) and

Community Based Organisation (CBO) Convergence Universalisation on 13th and 14th July 2023 at Trivandrum, Kerala with all the key stakeholders. The objectives of the workshop were following:

- i. Sharing the MoRD's vision for implementing the PRI-CBO convergence model across 16 States, emphasising citizen-centric governance, improved service delivery, and access to rights and entitlements.**
- ii. Provide a platform to share stakeholders experiences, challenges faced, best practices and, lessons learnt.**
- iii. Exposure visits to understand the tangible benefits and impact of the model on governance, community participation and, livelihood promotion.**
- iv. Engage representatives from the Ministry of Panchayati Raj(MoPR), State Department of Panchayati Raj, State Rural Livelihoods Missions(SRLMs), National Institute of Rural Development&Panchayati Raj, and State Institute of Rural Development to foster dialogue, collaboration, and consensus-building to address challenges and develop a unified approach to universalise the PRI-CBO convergence models.**

(b): The universalisation of PRI-CBO convergence aims the following-

- i) Develop the democratic ability of the SHG federations to improve local participatory planning**
- ii) Increase the engagement with local governments and line departments to enhance the service delivery mechanism within the community**
- iii) Strengthen institutional platforms of convergence like coordination committees of representatives of PRI,CBO & line departments at different levels**

The PRI-CBO guidelines have already been issued by the Ministry. The PRI-CBO convergence have been piloted in 2092 Local Self Government Institutions (LSGIs) in 162 blocks of 74 districts across 15 States.

(c): Kudumbashree National Resource Organisation; has been working with SRLMs on mainly two development models:

- i. Convergence between Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Community Based Organisations (CBOs): The PRI-CBO Convergence project focuses on enabling the working together of PRI and CBO to strengthen access to entitlements and enhance community participation in local governance.**

 - ii. Enterprise Development :The Enterprise Development project focuses on creating community-based enterprise support systems at the local level in the form of Micro Enterprise Consultants (MECs)/ Community Resource Persons for Enterprise Promotion (CRP-EP), Business Development Service Providers (BDSPs) for helping poor people set up, operate and grow their own enterprises. Under the enterprise development domain the focus is on the following livelihood projects:**
 - Implementation and capacity building support for Startup Village Entrepreneurship Program(SVEP)**
 - Technical Support for One Stop Facility under National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP)**
 - Technical Support for promoting Food Service clusters**
 - Capacity building support for Micro Enterprise Development (MED) Project**
- (d): The following are the selection criteria to select the State-**
- SRLMs with mature Village organisations**
 - Availability of sufficient Human Resources within SRLM**
 - States with NRETP and National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) Resource Blocks**

The criteria to select the blocks are as follows:

- The blocks selected in the first phase can be resource blocks of National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP) and NRLM Model Cluster Level Federation(CLF) blocks which may be identified by the respective State.**
 - Blocks must have a nodal Block Mission Management Unit with sufficient Human Resources and a parent District Mission Management Unit.**
- (e): Based on the evidences from the pilot implementation of the PRI-CBO Convergence across various States,the communities and PRIs is moving towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals through the comprehensive participatory planning process and**

incorporation of the same in Gram Panchyat Development Plan(GPDP).

(f): The focus of the workshop was on enhancing awareness and understanding of the PRI-CBO convergence model and its potential for promoting citizen-centric governance, thereby improving service delivery and access to rights and entitlements. The discussions highlighted the need for collaboration and partnerships among stakeholders, encouraging a unified and strategic approach for scaling up the impacts of the PRI-CBO convergence model.

(g): Kudumbashree NRO signed agreements with Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, Meghalaya, and Puducherry to initiate partnership to provide technical and strategic support to the SRLMs in implementing universalisation strategy of PRI-CBO Convergence .
