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Dated: 06.12.2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: 'Note for the Committee of Secretaries' on Mission Lifestyle For Environment (LiFE) dated 18.11.2022.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the abovementioned subject and inform that this Ministry supports the proposal as contained in the abovementioned Note for the Committee of Secretaries. The comments of this Ministry are enclosed.

2. Further, with reference to the meeting held between Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC (Shri Tanmay Kumar) and Economic Adviser (Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera) in his chamber on 30.11.2022, it is informed that under the National Panchayat Awards 2023 of Ministry of Panchayati Raj, 2,47,381 (92.06% approximately) Gram Panchayats (GPs)/equivalent bodies have participated under 9 different award themes. Hence, it may be possible for this Ministry to monitor 25 LiFE actions proposed (as in the comments/proposal enclosed) through a portal as per data entered by the GPs/equivalent bodies. Further, the baseline survey suggested for this purpose may take around 6 months on sample basis and not covering all GPs/states/UTs.

3. Further, the Nodal officer for coordination from this Ministry in this matter would be Divisional Head, Incentivization of Panchayats [Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera / 011-23725302 / Email: behera.bk@nic.in].

4. This issues with the approval of Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj.



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To

Joint Director (Shri Unmana Sarangi),
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
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Jorbagh Road, New Delhi – 110003.

Subject: Comments/Proposal on activities proposed for the Ministry of Panchayati Raj included in 'Note for the Committee of Secretaries' on Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) dated 18.11.2022.

The activities proposed for Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) in para 4.2.1 of the abovementioned Note and action proposed by MoPR are as follows:

Proposed activities for MoPR in the CoS Note	Proposed comments of MoPR	Proposed actions by MoPR
<p>Designate a village as a 'LiFE village'. A village is deemed a LiFE Village when:</p> <p>a) Its Gram Panchayat has passed resolution to make the village a LiFE Village</p> <p>b) At least 75 per cent of households in the village practice at least 10 LiFE actions;</p> <p>c) All public institutions in the village practice and promote at least 10 LiFE actions; and</p> <p>d) All public places in the village are free of any littered waste.</p>	<p>i. MoPR has identified following 9 Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) themes aggregating 17 SDGs for action at local (Gram Panchayat) level as a way forward for attainment of SDGs by the year 2030 :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poverty free and enhanced livelihoods village 2. Healthy village 3. Child friendly village 4. Water sufficient village 5. Clean and Green village 6. Self-sufficient infrastructure in village 7. Socially secured village 8. Village with good governance 9. Women-friendly village <p>ii. Under National Panchayat Awards, MoPR is assessing and ranking all the participating Gram Panchayats (GPs)/equivalent bodies across the country under these 9 LSDG themes and accordingly, incentivizing them. Under the National Panchayat Awards 2023, 92.05% of the GPs/equivalent bodies (2,47,356 out of 2,68,711) have participated (as on 20.11.2022).</p> <p>iii. Two of the award themes are 'Clean and Green Panchayat' and 'Water Sufficient Panchayat' which includes assessment parameters mainly relating to usage of clean & green energy, solid & liquid waste management, assurance of water quantity and quality, water conservation, practices etc.</p> <p>iv. MoPR may support the proposal as contained in para 4 of the Note for the Committee of Secretaries' on Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) dated 18.11.2022 with the suggestion that MoPR implements its schemes and interventions through Gram Panchayat/Equivalent bodies as a basic unit hence, LiFE action achievement against the activities for MoPR may be measured through GP as a unit.</p>	<p>Out of 75 LiFE actions across 7 categories, MoPR has shortlisted 25 LiFE actions to be achieved through Gram Panchayats.</p> <p>The proposed action points w.r.t. activities mapped to MoPR is enclosed at Annexure.</p>

2. Nodal officer for coordination from MoPR in this matter would be Divisional Head, Incentivization of Panchayats.

Annexure**Proposal**

Under Mission LiFE, 75 individual LiFE actions across 7 categories have been identified. The key performance indicators and corresponding targets (indicative) of Mission LiFE from 2022-28 **specifically for villages** are as follows:

Key Performance Indicator	Unit	Target Value					Total Value at the end of Year V
		Year I	Year II	Year III	Year IV	Year V	
Number of LiFE Villages	Thousand	77	206	335	463	515	515,000

Strategy to achieve LiFE actions:

- The prime objective of MoPR would be to create mass awareness among Gram Panchayats on Mission LiFE. Therefore, out of 75 LiFE actions, MoPR has shortlisted 25 LiFE actions on which GPs will be assessed. Rest 50 Life actions may be proposed to include for assessment in a phased manner over the subsequent years.
- An indicator based portal will be devised for monitoring the progress of GPs under Mission LiFE on which the GPs will report the achievement under the respective LiFE actions.
- GPs will be recognized with certificates as per achievement of LiFE actions. These certificates will be auto generated through portal on successful reporting of achievement of at least 10 LiFE actions.
- A wide publicity will be generated about Mission LiFE actions (including logo) among masses through print and social media platforms
- List of shortlisted 25 LiFE actions is as given below:

25 LiFE actions shortlisted	
Energy Saved	
1.	Use LED bulbs/ tube-lights
2.	Install a solar water or solar cooker heater on rooftops
3.	Use biogas for cooking and electricity needs
4.	Use smart switches for appliances which are used frequently
5.	Install community earthen pots for cooling water
Water Saved	
6.	Adopt cultivation of less water intensive crops like millets
7.	Participate in recharge of rural water bodies through Amrit Sarovar Scheme
8.	Practice crop diversification. Move from rice & wheat cultivation to pulse & oil seedcropping system.

9.	Use efficient water saving technologies (like micro-irrigation, bunding, farm ponds, zero tillage, direct seeded rice, alternate wetting and drying and others)
10.	Create rainwater harvesting infrastructure in home/ schools/ offices
11.	Use drip irrigation systems created with waste materials, wherever possible
Single Use Plastic Reduced	
12.	Use recycled plastic over virgin plastic, wherever possible
Sustainable Food Systems Adopted	
13.	Include millets in diets through Anganwadi, Mid-Day meal and PD scheme
14.	Compost food waste at home
15.	Create kitchen gardens/ terrace gardens at homes/ schools/ offices
16.	Prepare organic manure from cow dungs and apply to farms
Waste Reduced (Swachhta Actions)	
17.	Contribute cattle waste, food waste, and agricultural waste to biogas plant (provided under GOBARDHAN)
18.	Practice segregation of dry and wet waste at homes
19.	Use agricultural residue, animal waste for composting, manuring and mulching
Healthy Lifestyles Adopted	
20.	Encourage use of millets in food and indigenous herbs and medicinal plants for nutrition and well being
21.	Start biodiversity conservation at community level
22.	Practice natural or organic farming
23.	Plant trees to reduce the impact of pollution
24.	Initiate and/or join green clubs in your residential area/ school/ office
E-Waste Reduced	
25.	Discard gadgets in nearest e-recycling units
