

Meeting of the 5th State Finance Commission with the Mukhia, Gram Pradhan, Ward Members, Members of JSLPS, Members of JFM Committee of the Gram Panchayats of Manika Block, Latehar District on 03.10.2024

1. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Manika Block. It was chaired by the Chairman of the 5th State Finance Commission, Sri A.P. Singh and attended by the member of the 5th State Finance Commission, Sri Harishwar Dyal, Economist Prof. Jean Dreze, Social Activist Mr. James Herenj, DDC and the other government officials of the Latehar District.

2. Discussion on GPDP:

- i. Every year it starts from 2nd October.
- ii. The participants were not found to be much aware about the whole process of formulation of GPDP.
- iii. GPDPs are prepared by Gram Sabha, but instruction comes from above that what type of scheme should be taken up in GPDP.
- iv. They said that once the plans (GPDP) are made they implement them.
- v. Every Panchayat gets Rs. 20 lakhs in form of tied and untied grants from the 15th CFC for implementation of GPDP.
- vi. Some of the participants said that this fund is insufficient for taking up any meaningful and substantial work.

3. Drinking Water and Sanitation

- i. Solar plate-based Jal Minars have been constructed in all the Panchayats. However, many of them are non-operational because of lack of O&M and also because ground water source has dried out.
- ii. Local people must be trained and skilled for the O&M and repair of solar panels.
- iii. A tool and implements bank must be created in every village, which can be borrowed by any person of the village who require them.

4. Education

- i. In schools SMCs have been constituted. The meetings of the SMCs are conducted by the Chairman of SMC. The Mukhiya of Manika Panchayat complained that he is not invited in the meetings of SMC.

5. Functioning of the Gram Panchayat

- i. It was observed by the commission that all important information related with the Panchayat are written on the wall of the Panchayat Bhavan. Some of them were found to be obsolete. The Chairman of the Commission suggested that instead of wall writing this information must be displayed on flex board so that they can be revised and updated soon.
- ii. He also suggested that the toilets of the Panchayat Bhavan must be properly repaired and kept clean.
- iii. Drinking water facility must also be created outside the panchayat building so that even outsiders can avail this facility.
- iv. The Standing Committees of GPs are defunct. Mukhiya is all in all. Whatever Mukhiya wants that get that executed and Mukhiya has become synonymous to

GP which is against the spirit of GP and its executive and as envisaged in the Jharkhand Panchayat Raj Act, 2001.

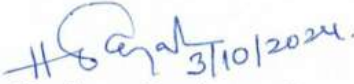
- v. James Herenj said that the 'Gram Vikas Samiti (Village Development Committee)' one of the eight committees of Gram Sabha must be made active.
- vi. He also said that there must be a designated office for the Gram Sabha (GS) to keep the records. GS must have its own account. There must be social audit of the fund and functions of GS. Financial provision must be made in the GS for social audit. The functions of GS and GP must be made transparent.

6. Rural Development

- i. The issue of **delayed payment of wage and material cost in MGNREGA** was raised in this meeting.
- ii. It was told by the participants that earlier the payments were made by the Gram Panchayats so timely payment were made, now a days it comes directly from Delhi so it is delayed. They said that because of transfer from Delhi the leakage of fund and corruption has increased. The leakages and corruption were prevalent even when payment was made through panchayats. The issue of leakage and corruption can be resolved through high surveillance.

7. Revenue

- i. Revenue can be generated from the sand mining sites. There must be well defined sharing mechanism of the own source of revenue of the panchayats.


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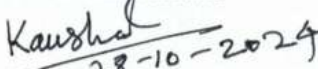
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Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi for kind information and necessary action please.

Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi for kind information and necessary action please.


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