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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 114

D.O. No J-12011/1/11-Trg.

Dated 19th August, 2011

Dear

Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has developed a cadre of Bharat Nirman Volunteers through APARD, Hyderabad to assist the District Administration in preparation of village development plans in a convergence framework, and facilitate execution, monitoring and social audit of the programmes through effective Gram Sabhas. They will act as eyes and ears of district administration, strengthen the public service delivery mechanism and bring government to the doorstep of the people.

2. The initiative has been launched in a few villages to achieve focus and coordination. The coverage will be expanded to include all the villages in your district in stages. Database of the volunteers along with the mobile numbers are already available on ruraldiksha.nic.in with facility to send free SMS to the volunteers. The Line Departments including Revenue, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Industries, Rural Development, Forests, Irrigation, Electricity, Health, Education, Roads, etc. can take advantage of the services of the volunteers to prepare village development plans and ensure their proper implementation.

3. I have requested the representatives of APARD to brief you about the achievements so far and develop a plan of action for taking the initiative forward in consultation with the Line Departments under your overall leadership. The strategy document on Bharat Nirman Volunteers of Government of India containing the roles of the volunteers and the instruction from Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of India is enclosed for your reference.

4. An objective performance measurement system has been put in place to award good performing Districts at the national level every year. I hope that you will find the initiative useful in connecting with the people in your district and will look forward to your comments and action taken report in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-

(Niten Chandra)

All District Collectors of Andhra Pradesh

Encl: As above

Copy to :

- (i) Director General, NIRD, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad
- (ii) Commissioner, APARD, Hyderabad
- (iii) Principal Secretary, (RD) Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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Ministry of Rural Development

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14th July, 2011

Dear Mr. Das,

The SIRD Colloquium on Lab to Land Initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development for streamlining implementation of the flagship programmes being implemented in rural areas was held at Srinagar on 5-7th July, 2011. Under this initiative Bharat Nirman Volunteers (BNVs) are being identified in selected villages for facilitating people's participation and organise effective Gram Sabhas for planning, implementing, monitoring and auditing of Government programmes by the people.

2. This initiative is one of the largest capacity building programmes under implementation by Government of India. There is a need to pool together resources from ongoing programmes for ensuring that adequate training is provided to the BNVs, the people of the village, the line Departments and the elected PRI representatives. The Strategy Document of BNVs at Para 6 contains the provision for sourcing of funds of training and IEC from ongoing programmes (like MGNREGA, NRLM, etc). I will greatly appreciate if the mobilisation of the volunteers is not circumscribed due to resource crunch and the available resources in the Districts are adequately tapped for this large capacity building initiative.

3. A Ten Point Performance Metric to measure and track the progress of work under Lab to Land Initiative is enclosed herewith.

4. In this performance matrix every affirmative response one point will be awarded. Full 10 points will be awarded if all the metrics in respect of a particular village are responded in the affirmative. The points awarded will be multiplied with number of villages where the Lab to Land Initiative has been taken up in order to get the full score. I hope that under your able leadership and guidance the State will demonstrate exemplar outcomes under the Lab to Land Initiative.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(BK Sinha)

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Annexure

ID	Performance Metric	Yes	Likely	Can't say	No
1.	Have BNVs been trained to work with the people, PRIs and Line Departments to improve the quality of life of the households attached with the BNVs?				
2	Are weekly visits to the selected village being made to train people with the help of BNVs to constitute sectoral Committees for identifying issues, planning and change management?				
3	Are the BNVs acting as pressure groups to drive the change in the rural community?				
4	Are the people involved in planning, implementing, monitoring and auditing of the programmes?				
5	Are the Line Departments supporting the formulation and implementation of the plans to achieve the programme objectives?				
6	Is the entire process being documented through films and uploaded on website?				
7	Are the BNVs being awarded for their meritorious contribution?				
8	Has the change process in the village become firmly entrenched and irreversible?				
9	Are the events in the village being disseminated in other villages to inspire them to initiate similar change process?				
10	Has a Win-Win situation emerged for all stakeholders – BNVs, people, PRIs, Line Departments, District Administration, State and Central Governments?				