

One-day workshop on “Decentralized Planning” Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh

A Brief Report

One-day workshop on “Decentralized Planning” was held on 27th July 2013 at Collectorate, Shivpuri District. Workshop was chaired by Mr. R.K.Jain, IAS, District Collector, Shivpuri. Around 100 participants attended the training programme in which Heads of the Departments of district, Chief Municipal Officer, ULBs, Chief Executive Officer, Block Panchayats, Master Trainers and Data Entry Operators were present. While addressing the participants Mr. R.K. Jain said that the process of decentralisation planning should be completed within the time limit. He instructed the concerned officers to focus on formation of TSG groups, enhancing the capacities of TSGs, formation of village level and ward level plan, data entry.

Need for decentralisation

Mr. Jitendra Pandit, State Facilitator, Unicef, State Planning Commission, Bhopal briefed the need and concept of Decentralized Planning. He had thrown light on Resource Envelop of the district with examples such as how much budget is allotted through NREGS, NRHM, NRLM etc. He highlighted the need of active participation of community for ensuring the quality district decentralized plan. Coordination and convergence is important in the all steps of the process, he added.



Planning and coordination

Mrs. Swati Parihar, Specialist Decentralized Planning, PMPSU, State Planning Commission, Bhopal while taking the session she explained the structure and process of the District Decentralized Planning. She emphasized for the better coordination of District Planning Groups, Block Planning Groups and Technical support groups. She said that District and Block planning groups should guide, coordinate and monitor the entire process.

She pointed out the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders of planning process like District Planning Committees, District Planning Groups, Block Planning Groups, Block Planning Committees, Technical Support Groups, Gram Sabha, Ward Sabha, Gram Panchayat and Village Development Committees.

She underlined that urban planning needs a lot of attention of concerned

departments by involving ward members and communities. Actual needs of the communities should be depicted, realistic and qualitative plans are made, she added.



While emphasising the need of planned and coordinative efforts of all departments for implementing decentralised planning she said that all the activities of DDP are being monitored by DPG and BPG regularly to ensure the quality of village and ward level plans. She pointed out on the need of validation of data by department official's heads, Chief Executive Officer, Block Panchayats and Chief Municipal Officers, which is entered by Data Entry Operators.

Further, she stressed that the response plan of the department should be filled by the HODs. This helps the concerned officers to take stock, review and plan for next year, she added.

Decentralised Planning- Application

Mr. Rajeev Bharadwaj, DPMU, Guna, explained the formats of District Decentralized Planning and

online MIS. He also explained about downloading the formats and the process of filling the formats. He answered all the queries of participants related to software and clarified the doubts.

Feedbacks from Participants:

1. Provision of gram sabha approval is mandatory for lots of flag ship and other programmes and schemes, so attention of community is decreasing in participation of gram sabhas.
2. Untied funds of the departments could be used for unmet demands received by District decentralized planning which is not possible to fulfil under any scheme and programme.
3. Data entry is a big problem at the block level because of unavailability of trained human resources and connectivity of internet.
4. State planning commission should provide enough time for discussion on District Plan at the state level meeting.



Road map of District:

1. List of all members of District Planning Committee, District and Block Planning groups and Technical Support Group is required from the district.
2. Capacity Building plan and awareness generation/media plan is required from the district.
3. All process of district planning should be completed within the time limit.

Mrs. Neetu Mathur, Deputy Collector, and Incharge District Planning Officer, District Shivpuri requested all the CEOs of Block Panchayat and CMOs of Municipal Corporation for submission the information related to TSG committees, training schedule and calendar of activities by 5th August 2013.
