

One-Day Workshop on Decentralised Planning at Hoshangabad District, M.P

A Brief Report

Decentralised Planning in Madhya Pradesh is a unique intervention involving the people in development: District Collector, Hoshangabad

“Decentralised Planning in Madhya Pradesh is a unique intervention involving the people in development in India” says Mr. Rahul Jain, IAS, District Collector, Hoshangabad at “*One-Day District Level Workshop on District Decentralised Planning*” held at Zilla Panchayat, Hoshangabad on 19th July, 2013.



While addressing the heads of the departments of the district he said this process gives an ample opportunity for the villagers to participate in developmental activities and figure out their requirements. He requested all the officers of concerned departments to

facilitate the process of effective planning from village to block level and further to district level with an integrated approach.

Earlier, he reviewed the activities planned for the year 2012-2013, 2013-2014 of the district. He took the stock from each department and instructed the officers to update the status of work done on decentralized planning website. Further, he instructed the district officers to utilize decentralized planning tool for selection of beneficiaries and monitoring the activities. He advised the officers to seek support, advice from the M.P. State Planning Commission team and clarify their doubts.

“Decentralised Planning is a bottom up approach for development” said Mr. Krishna Gopal Tiwari, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Hosangabad. He said that the objective of the decentralized planning is to involve the communities at grass root level and plans are made with a participatory approach. He urged the officers to prepare a realistic plans as per the requirement of the people. “The responsibility of the officers attended the workshop is to disseminate the knowledge, information acquired here to the grass root level staff and TSGs,” he added.

Mr. Yogesh Mahor, Deputy Team Leader, PMPSU, State Planning Commission briefed the concept of decentralized planning, process and its importance on the occasion. He said that rural communities are empowered through this activity. He stressed on the need of conducting Gram Sabhas in villages and discussing various flagship



programmes and convergence with the plans. He clarified the doubts of the participants on decentralized planning. Further, he said the responsibility of the heads of the departments is to sit with the data entry operators while filling response plans, since action can be taken by the head of the departments for further level.

Mr. Indra Bisen. Expert, GIS, briefed on “Decentralised Planning-Application”. He had thrown light on data collection, uploading on website and how it can viewed by various departments for further process. He trained the participants on some of the focused areas of the decentralized planning software such as accessing the website, village master plans, formats down loading etc.

Mrs. Swati Parihar, Specialist, Decentralised Planning provided inputs on the process of planning at village level, Block and district level. “Women participation in the process of planning and approval of grama sabha are important elements in decentralized planning,” she added.

While thanking all the participants and PMPSU team Mr. Patharia, said that one-workshop is benefitted the department heads to understand their role in decentralized planning process. He said that most of the doubts related to village level planning and district level got clarified by the participants during the workshop.

Around 60 participants from all the departments of the district participated in the workshop. All these participants are expected to prepare an effective integrated plan for the year 2014-15.

“One-day work is very informative. I have clarified my doubts over here on decentralized planning. It would be easy for our department to plan the activities through decentralized planning process.” Dr. Rajendra Sharma, Department of Animal Husbandry, Hoshangabad.

“This planning process helps us to identify the real beneficiaries for various schemes. Following this process as per the priority we can select the beneficiaries, sanction and allot the resources. I really like the process of bottom to top approach in decentralized planning.” Shri G.S. Gurjar, Deputy Director, Horticulture Department, Hoshangabad.