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ABBREVIATIONS

ASHA : Accredited Social Health Worker

BDO : Block Development Officer

BFT : Barefoot Technician

CFT : Cluster Facilitation Team

CRPs : Community Resource Persons

CSC : Common Service Centre

DDU-GKY : Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana

DP : District Panchayat

DRDA : District Rural Development Agency

FFC : Fourteenth Finance Commission

FRA : Forests Rights Act

FY : Financial Year

GoI : Government of India

GP : Gram Panchayat

GPDP : Gram Panchayat Development Plan

GRS : Gram Rozgar Sevak

GS : Gram Sabha

HR : Human Resources

ICDS : Integrated Child Development Scheme

ICT : Information and Communication Technology

IEC : Information Education Communication

IP : Intermediate Panchayat

IRMA : Institute of Rural Management Anand

IT : Information Technology

JE/AE/TA : Junior Engineer / Assistant Engineer / Technical Assistant

MDWS : Ministry of Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation

MGNREGS : Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

MIS : Management Information System

MoPR : Ministry of Panchayati Raj

MoRD : Ministry of Rural Development

MTEF : Medium Term Expenditure Framework

NEGP : National e-Governance Programme

NHM : National Health Mission

NIRD & PR : National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

NRDWP : National Rural Drinking Water Programme

NRL : National Rural Livelihood Mission

O & M : Operations and Maintenance

PES : Panchayat Enterprise Suite

PESA : Panchayat Extension to Schedule Areas

PMAY - G : Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin

PMGSY : Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

PMU : Programme Management Unit

PR : Panchayati Raj

PRI : Panchayati Raj Institutions

RD : Rural Development

SBM - G : Swachh Bharat Mission – Gramin

SDG : Sustainable Development Goals

SHGs : Self Help Groups

SSA : Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

UNDP : United Nations Development Programme

UNICEF : United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The significance of a "whole-of-government" approach is acknowledged in Agenda 2030's statement, which declares that the SDGs are "integrated and indivisible" and "balance the three elements of sustainable development: economic, social, and environmental." It goes on to say that 'the interlinkages and integrated character of the Sustainable Development Goals are critical in ensuring that the new Agenda's goal is met,' and that integrated solutions are needed. Panchayats in India play a major role in the achievement of SDGs. Funds, Functions and functionaries are inevitable to make this happen. Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has been focusing on strengthening the capacities of Panchayats through various means. MoPR had recognised the need for strengthening and developing capacity of the human resources in Panchayats, apart from the funds and functionaries.

Capacity development means much more than training. It includes human resources, processes and systems. It implies development of capacities of individuals as well as of the institutions and the environment in which they function. In addition to appropriate knowledge, skills, values and attitudes, it includes the ability to foster systems, structures, leadership and an enabling environment that can optimally use the available human resources to achieve the desired outcomes. This study attempts to understand the nature and structure of human resource distribution in the Gram Panchayats. The study also tries to assess the duty allocation for the officials in the Gram Panchayats and also the Digital Literacy of officials in Selected GPs, For the smooth functioning of the Gram panchayats, standing committees are formed. The present study tries to understand the extent to which the standing committees contribute to the smooth functioning of GPs.

The study intended to

- I. Assess the status of human resources in the Panchayats of India
- II. Assess the quantum and nature of functions and work to be performed by the Panchayat officials
- III. Propose suggestions on developing a comprehensive human resources framework in panchayats. (This would include the number and various categories, possibilities of developing this HR, resources which can be accessed, and the role of the States and MoPR. Different scenarios have to be considered depending on the status of devolution across the states).

IV. Propose a detailed roadmap for developing the human resources in Panchayats

Apart from these major objectives, this study enquired about the

- a) Use of digital tools for workload management. The key objectives of e-Gram Swaraj is to use digital tools for automation and internal work flow processes to ensure better service delivery.
- b) Functioning of Standing Committee
- c) Whether the ERs and Officials have attended/undergone adequate training programs
- d) See the support staff engaged under CSS are brought under the control of GPs
- e) Whether the programs implemented by line Departments are carried out in association with GPs.

The study followed both a qualitative and quantitative approach. Desk Review and State wise consultations were conducted as part of this study. The collected quantitative data were analysed using the appropriate statistical technique.

This study has identified that a barring a few states, the human resources status is inadequate. This is especially important as the new tasks and functions have been assigned to the Panchayats, funds from the Central Finance Commission Grants have been provided, the Panchayats have been preparing and implementing the GPDP and also the various flagship programmes are being coordinated or implemented by the panchayats. However, the HR situation remains as those at the time of the amendment to the Constitution or even before. While most of the activities have an IT linkage or are supported by IT system, the computer proficiency of the employees is also far from satisfactory in most of the states. Standing Committees could have played a role in filling this gap to a minor extent, but they also seemed to be non-functional or are not functioning as they should have.

We propose a list of suggestions and recommendations, which could be taken up at various levels, from the level of the MoPR to the states and the Panchayats.

Convergence of resources and services, both horizontal and vertical, across Panchayats and Departments is very important in achieving efficiency and impact. There has to be a more systematic policy-based approach to human resources with clear norms for staffing, recruitment, remuneration, career advancement and so on. Obviously, this cannot be

achieved overnight but a time bound plan of action is needed. Strengthening of HR should be seen holistically and not merely in terms of recruitment of additional staff which should be taken up only as a last resort. Sufficient attention has to be paid for competency-based capacity building for existing staff, simplification of processes, procedures and systems, widespread introduction of e-governance, adoption of norms-based outsourcing, etc. A competency framework may be developed for each category of staff as well as for the elected representatives and training designed to fill the gap. This would be analogous to the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF).

The area and population of GPs vary substantially across the country. This has implications for assignment of functions and provision of human resources. A viable size is required from several points of view – performance of service delivery functions, mobilization of own revenue, co-terminus jurisdiction of service delivery institutions, preparation of meaningful development plans and effective oversight and monitoring of the performance of GPs.

Every GP, irrespective of population and size, should have a full time Panchayat Secretary who is also a regular employee and functions as the Chief Executive of the Panchayat. We have categorised the GPs into four based on the population size. The GPs coming under Group 1 must have a Panchayat Secretary and Computer Assistant. The administration of GPs in Group 2 must have a Secretary, Assistant Panchayat Secretary and Computer Assistant. While considering the GPs under Group 3 and Group 4, there should be an increase in the number of assisting staff for the Panchayat Secretary. Appointment of Assistant Panchayat Secretary, more than two Computer Assistants, LD Clerk, Panchayat Development Officer is recommended. It is suggested to appoint a Technical Assistant (TA) at every GP. Considering the various infrastructure work being carried out in GPs, we have also suggested engineering related functionaries who should to carry out its engineering functions. He/she should be a Diploma or Degree holder in the technical field.

All employees should be proficient in computers for their work. This should be a mandatory qualification for future recruitment. Existing employees should be enabled to acquire the required proficiency within a fixed period, for which the State should provide the required support. For all the existing staff, including those on contract, minimum levels of competence required for that position should be ensured. MoRD and MoPR may facilitate States to develop a comprehensive competency framework for the different positions.

It is suggested that the work of all employees in a GP should be supervised and monitored by the concerned Panchayat. This would include reviewing performance, inspecting work, calling for performance reports and systematic community-based monitoring to ensure inclusive and effective reach and quality of services.

MoRD, MoPR and MDWS (and other relevant ministries) would jointly ensure that the funds earmarked for administrative costs are untied from the schemes and freedom given to the States to spend them for HR related costs at the GP and IP level. The report also provides a tentative list of positions and the cost involved.

In the case of Standing Committees, a few suggestions are included in the report. In cases where the standing committees are exclusively of ERs, a provision to invite experts and stakeholders as special invitees. For others, inclusion of ERs, SHG representatives, women, SC/ST mandatory. Concerned sectoral officials have to be mandatory members. Standing committees have to be based on broad themes, the number and themes to be decided by the state government. All planning for various SDG themes has to be led by the concerned standing committees. The plans for each of the themes have to be approved by the relevant standing committee before taking to the Panchayat committee. Monitoring of the activities have to be done by the concerned standing committee. Expenditure reports are to be verified by the Standing committee before submitting to the Panchayat committee. Panchayat budgets should be finalised only after the concerned standing committees' vet the suggestions.

The report has also gone into the functioning of DPRCs and BPRCs and how they can be utilised for strengthening the HR situation on Panchayats by way of developing capacities. **The DPRCs and BPRCs should be strengthened with more experts, who are qualified and skilled and paid well.** Such thematic experts posted in BPRCs and DPRCs should undergo in depth training on matters related to Panchayati Raj as well as office management so that they could provide support to the GPs.

We have also tried to calculate the minimum required staff, their salary/remuneration, sources of funds and the overall cost. The percentage share for these by the state government, CFC grant, GP OSR and contribution from various schemes is also proposed. Annually, a minimum requirement of Rs. 46,678 Crores is proposed of which Rs. 12,837 Crores could be leveraged from CFC, which is 27.50 per cent of the total requirement.

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

As part of the 73rd constitutional amendment, 29 subjects were transferred to the Panchayats. These subjects cover most of the development sectors and themes including agriculture, irrigation, health, and education. The envisioned three-tier Panchayat system at the District, Block, and Village levels was intended to achieve rural development through decentralized planning, various initiatives, and their execution (Chakrabarti, Chattopadhyay, Nath 2011).

There are around 2.6 lakh Panchayats - [2,55,538 Gram Panchayats (GPs), 6,829 Intermediate Panchayats (IPs)/Block Panchayats (BPs) and 659 District Panchayats (DPs)] across the country. The three-tier system is framed and executed with an intention to transform India as a developed country from the grass root level. Panchayats have a great role in the overall development of the country in this Panchayati Raj system.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their 169 Targets were adopted by member States of the United Nations in September 2015. Local governments have a crucial role to play in achieving the SDGs. While the goals are universal, the implications and intervention possibilities are local. The twin objectives of the Panchayati Raj as envisaged by the Indian Constitution are to ensure local economic development and social justice. India with about 2,60,000 rural local bodies (Panchayats) holds enormous opportunities in localizing the SDGs and meeting the goals. Panchayats are expected to play an effective role in the planning and implementation of functions related to the 29 subjects enlisted in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution. Most of the SDG targets are within the purview of these subjects.

The Ministry of Panchayat Raj (MoPR) had identified nine themes from among the 17 SDGs which are of direct relevance to the GPs and where the GPs need to play a proactive role in meeting the goals. Since Gram Panchayats across the country are preparing Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP), this presents an opportunity for the GPs to synchronize their plans with SDGs. Resources from various Central and State sponsored schemes need to be leveraged and converged at the GP level. It is important to set GP-level targets with measurable indicators that will have vertical and horizontal linkages, convergence possibilities, resource mobilization potential and feasible action by the GPs. However, for the plan to get implemented and monitored, GPs need to be well resourced with appropriate human resources possessing

the right skills, competence and sensitivities which would enable the GPs to implement the GPDP and contribute towards meeting the SDGs.

The Human Resource required to support the GPs in achieving the various SDGs are indicated in a handbook - 'Sustainable Development Goals and Gram Panchayats – The Future We Want' published by UNDP. The handbook lists the various programmes from which human resources can be drawn and made available to the GPs in order to move towards achieving the goals (MoRD, 2017). However, these human resources are directly connected with the concerned departments, agencies and schemes and not with the Panchayats. Thus, the accountability and sustainability are often missed.

Context

For the continuous and sustainable development at the grass root level, continuous planning, evaluation and feedback, and actions for further improvement have to be undertaken. It should be made an active, repeated process throughout for the effective functioning of our system. Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been incentivizing the best performing Panchayats recommended by the State Governments/UT Administrations with an aim of giving encouragement and support to do more activities like those and also to inspire other panchayats to continue their outstanding performance as well as to inspire other panchayats to excel in their performance.

On the other hand, improving the functioning of the Panchayati Raj system has always been a main area of research studies as it is the base for the overall development of our country. The three-tier system of governance needs special attention to re-allocation of functions, powers and effective devolution and control of resources.

GPs have traditional core functions which are historic as well as those added on after the 73rd Amendment. These vary across the states. Typically, a GP performs functions related to basic public sanitation, drinking water, internal connectivity, street lighting, and maintenance of playgrounds, parks and other commons. Certain monitoring and supervisory functions in relation to education, health and nutrition are also entrusted to them, even though there is no sufficient clarity in the assignment or discharge of such functions. To enable them to perform the core functions, GPs are provided resources based on the recommendations of the Central and State Finance Commissions (SFC). They also raise resources locally such as through taxes,

especially on property, wherever it is allowed. Here again there are significant differences among the States. The 14th Central Finance Commission (CFC) has supplemented the resources for provision of basic services significantly. A study report of MoRD (2018) pointed out that there is no clear human resource policy for Panchayats in most of the States, barring a few notable exceptions. The staff strength was fixed long ago and ad-hoc accretions have happened over the years. However, functions, responsibilities, funds and activities have increased manifold. In such a situation, there are a few non-negotiables to be taken care of:

- a. Legal instruments have to be in place to suit the new system. This involves the legislations / laws, the follow up of which includes rules and regulations. (Overall, the States have addressed this as a first stage)
- b. The new or existing local levels subsequent to such a change do require human resources to carry out the powers and functions transferred to them. When new functions are bestowed, appropriate kinds of human resources definitely will not exist.
- c. Capacity of the functionaries elected and official at the local level is another major problem, which needs to be addressed.

Capacity development of Panchayats is to be centered on core competencies and capacity gaps of elected representatives and functionaries to effectively perform their tasks, responsibilities and roles and function as Local Governments. This is dependent on:

- → Institutional Development
- → Financial Resource Development
- → Human Resource Development
- → Supportive Programmes

Over the years, capacity development has been a mainly focussed area, with emphasis on trainings. Many actions have been taken so far for institutional development, and financial resource development. Many programmes are there to support the functioning of the panchayats. On the contrary, strengthening of human resources in Panchayats remains an untouched area for time. Moreover, strengthening the human resources in Panchayats has not been considered on a long term and sustainable basis.

- A. The performance of the Panchayati Raj Institutions depends on the status of devolution in terms of functions, funds and functionaries
- B. Capacity development initiatives including human resources
- C. The efforts made by PRI leadership as well as the community.

Over the recent years, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been focusing on strengthening the Panchayati Raj system in the country. In addition, the majority of the flagship programmes have been structured in such a way that the Panchayats play a major role. The Central Finance Commission awards and the GPDP process helped the Panchayats undertake a lot of initiatives which are expected to lead to the achievement of various SDGs. Of late the focus of planning and development at the local level has also moved in this direction of localisation of SDGs.

The revamped RGSA is envisaged to provide resources and support in developing the capacities of the Panchayats in the country. There are also many supportive initiatives. As part of capacity development, a lot of focus has been given on training. Capacity development is not merely training but also includes the system and environment which facilitates the PRIs to carry out their mandates. Thus, it also requires to build the human resource framework so that the Panchayats can perform as per the new context and possibilities provided by the initiatives mentioned above.

It is learnt that a study was conducted years back on the Work and Time motion of functionaries of Panchayats. However, in recent times there has been a lot more functions and activities that have been bestowed on Panchayats through the flagship programmes and the CFC awards. There is a need to understand the existing human resources in a Panchayat, their work and work load and see how these match each other. This exercise is important in the process of developing the capacities and strengthening of Panchayati Raj in the country. Of course, the issue mentioned above is not homogenous across the country.

Objectives of the Study

The study intended to

- Assess the status of human resources in the Panchayats of India with focus on Gram Panchayats
- 2. Assess the quantum and nature of functions and work to be performed by the Panchayat officials

- 3. Propose suggestions on developing a comprehensive human resources framework in Panchayats. (This would include the number and various categories, possibilities of developing this HR, resources which can be accessed, and the role of the States and MoPR. Different scenarios have to be considered depending on the status of devolution across the states).
- 4. Propose a detailed roadmap for developing the human resources in Panchayats

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- d) Whether the support staff engaged under CSS are brought under the control of GPs
- e) Whether the programs implemented by line Departments are carried out in association with GPs.

Scope of the Study

The study considered the diversity across the country. The study also took into account various scenarios depending on the status of devolution in each state.

The population of Gram Panchayats varies from state to state (Table 2). The study tries to find whether an adequate number of human resources are there in each Gram Panchayat congruent to the population size of a Panchayat. For this, the states were classified as four groups in accordance with their average population per Gram Panchayat (Table 1

 Table 1: Classification of States into Groups Based on Average GP Population

Group 1	Population < 2500
Group 2	Population between 2500 and 5000
Group 3	Population between 5000 and 10000
Group 4	Population >10000

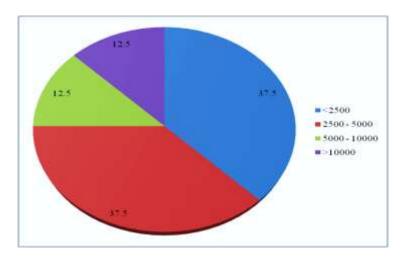
Table: 2: Average Population per Gram Panchayat

Sl No	States/Union Territories	Rural Population [1]	Gram Panchayat [2]	Average Population per GP	Group
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2,37,000	70	3,386	Group 2
2	Andhra Pradesh	4,96,70,000	13,358	3,718	Group 2
3	Arunachal Pradesh	10,66,000	1,785	597	Group 1
4	Assam	2,46,65,340	2,197	11,227	Group 4
5	Bihar	9,23,41,000	8,387	11,010	Group 4
6	Chhattisgarh	1,96,08,000	11,654	1,683	Group 1
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1,83,000	20	9,150	Group 3
8	Daman and Diu	60,000	18	3,333	Group 2
9	Goa	5,52,000	191	2,890	Group 2
10	Gujarat	3,46,95,000	14,292	2,428	Group 2
11	Haryana	1,65,09,000	6,197	2,664	Group 2
12	Himachal Pradesh	61,76,000	3,226	1,914	Group 1
13	Jammu and Kashmir	91,08,000	4,290	2,123	Group 1
14	Jharkhand	2,50,55,000	4,354	5,754	Group 3
15	Karnataka	3,74,69,000	6,021	6,223	Group 3

16	Kerala	1,74,71,000	941	18,566	Group 4
17	Ladakh	2,74,000	192	1,427	Group 1
18	Lakshadweep	14,000	10	1,400	Group 1
19	Madhya Pradesh	5,25,57,000	22,812	2,304	Group 1
20	Maharashtra	6,15,56,000	27,877	2,208	Group 1
21	Manipur	5,83,981	161	3,627	Group 2
22	Odisha	3,49,71,000	6,79	5,144	Group 3
23	Puducherry	3,95,000	108	3,657	Group 2
24	Punjab	1,73,44,000	13,266	1,307	Group 1
25	Rajasthan	5,15,00,000	11,341	4,541	Group 2
26	Sikkim	4,57,000	185	2,470	Group 1
27	Tamil Nadu	3,72,30,000	12,523	2,973	Group 2
28	Telangana	2,13,95,000	12,769	1,676	Group 1
29	Tripura	17,90,226	591	3,029	Group 2
30	Uttar Pradesh	15,53,17,000	58,762	2,643	Group 2
31	Uttarakhand	70,37,000	7,789	903	Group 1
32	West Bengal	6,21,83,000	3,340	18,618	Group 4

Source: [1] Population, Census, 2011 and [2] GP numbers from LGD (as on 08.05.2020)

Figure 1: Percentage of States/UTs Falling into Each Group Classified Based on the Average Population in GPs



Universe of the Study

All the Gram Panchayats in India

Methodology

The study follows both a qualitative and quantitative approach. Desk Review and State wise consultations were conducted as part of this study. The collected quantitative data were analysed using the appropriate statistical technique.

Selection of States

A multi-pronged approach was adopted to achieve the main objectives of the study, and this included a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods. The main methodology for the study however was qualitative in nature. This was in the form of Key informant interviews (KIIs) for stakeholders, telephonic Interviews with the PRI officials and online questionnaires for Panchayat and SIRDs (State Institute of Rural Development). The qualitative tools enabled the research team to gather in depth knowledge of the situation whereas the quantitative methods supported the reliability of the assessment.

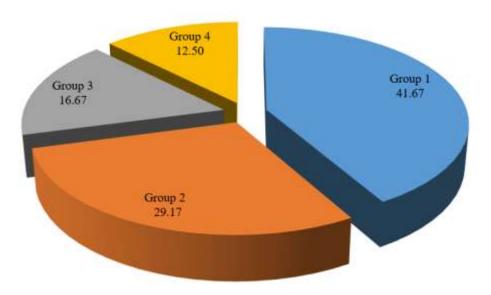
Sample Selection for the Study

Initially, it was intended to consider only selected ten states. However, we continued to collect information from around 24 states and UTs. The in-depth enquiry was done in five states (Table 3; Figure 2).

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Arunachal Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Assam
Himachal Pradesh	Gujarat	Daman & Diu	Bihar
Ladakh	Manipur	Jharkhand	West Bengal
Madhya Pradesh	Rajasthan	Karnataka	
Maharashtra	Tamil Nadu	Odisha	
Nagaland	Tripura		
Punjab	Uttar Pradesh		
Sikkim			
Tripura			
Uttarakand			

Table 3: Classification of the Sample States into Population Groups

Figure 2: Percentage of Sample States/UTs Falling into Each Group Classified Based on the Average Population in GPs



Stakeholder Mapping

Respondents to the questionnaire-based survey consist of elected representatives, Officials, community representatives, other stakeholders of the Awardee GPs.

Key Informant Interviews were conducted with the officials of the State governments.

Tools Used

Questionnaires were prepared separately for States and Gram Panchayats to get information about the existing human resources in the selected Panchayats. The data was collected from the various state representatives.

The duties and responsibilities of the officials of GPs were given grade as per the number of duties and responsibilities bestowed on each official.

The grading was done as given in Table 4.

Table 4: Grading of the Duties Bestowed on Each of the Officials of GPs

No. of Duties	Grade/Score
1	1
2-5	2
6-10	3
11-15	4
16-20	5

The scores of each official in the GPs of each state were found and then the average cumulative grade was calculated for each post in each State.

Chapterization of the Report

The study report is divided as six chapters

Chapter 1 : Introduction

Chapter 2: Quantum and Nature of Functions and Works

Chapter 3: Functioning of Standing Committee/Subcommittees

Chapter 4 : Capacity Building Programmes in GPs

Chapter 5 : Challenges and Issues Faced in terms of HR

Chapter 6: Recommendations and Suggestions

Chapter 7: Road Map for Developing the Human Resources in GPs

CHAPTER 2:

QUANTUM AND NATURE OF FUNCTIONS AND TASKS

There are the core staff of the Panchayats and those who have been engaged as part of various schemes. Though employees have been placed for implementation of different schemes, they are scheme-specific. If the functionaries engaged under different programmes have to deliver programme objectives in a coordinated manner, the role of the GP as a coordinating and supervisory institution becomes critical. The GPs, which have emerged as a third tier of government, also lack adequate core staff which prevent them from functioning as local governments. The Government of India (GoI) has been working with States over the years to transfer functions, functionaries and finances to the GPs. The progress on this account presents a mixed picture. In most States, with a few exceptions, even though functions have been transferred to the Panchayats, functionaries and funds to deliver those activities remain under the control of vertical programmes. The Panchayats, which perform both core functions and agency functions under different programmes, also need to be strengthened with adequate human resources.

In a GP, the work could be broadly categorized into the following:

- *General administration* including service delivery, citizen interface, institutional functioning, finance and accounts, etc.
- *Development* including aspects like development planning under various thematic sectors and execution of public works.
- Support functions to carry out the above responsibilities.

This study attempts to understand the nature and structure of human resource distribution in the Gram Panchayats. The study also tries to assess the duty allocation for the officials in the Gram Panchayats.

The study put forth various suggestions which is as follows,

 Besides pump operators' suggestions were also made for the appointment of electrical operators with diploma degree

- Suggestions were also made to implement competitor leadership to all staffs
- Suggestions of other posts such as Gram sevaks, at times Thalathi also officiate in the Gram Panchayat so as to ensure an even working of the system.
- To continue the facilitation of SWM and SWL there should be recruitment to the post of sanitary inspector.
- Suggestions for voluntary system for households
- Suggestions to trace the potential individuals and to direct them / make them aware of the posts.
- Suggestions to make the appointed workers more efficient through skill upgradation programmes and sessions.

On the basis of that we analysed the data from 24 states as per the quantum and nature of functions and tasks. The analysis and the data are given below.

1. TRIPURA

Table 6: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Tripura

SI	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP fund/state	Recruited by	Permanent
No		positions in	monthly salary	fund/centre fund/	GP or state	/Contract/
		a GP	per person	scheme or project fund		Daily wage
1	Panchayat development officer, Secretary or Equivalent positions	2	25000-65000	State Fund	State	Permanent
2	Water pump operator or equivalent position	1-2	7500	State	GP	Contract
3	Peon/ Office assistant or equivalent position	1	20000	State	State	Permanent
4	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	1	18000	MGNREGA	GP	Contract

According to the form rolled out to study on the 'Development of Human Resources in Panchayats,' the state of Tripura has two Panchayat Development Officers, Secretary, or equivalent positions in a GP. They are recruited by the state with a permanent nature. Their salaries per person scale from Rs. 25000-65000, and it is paid from the state fund. One to two Water pump operators or equivalent positions are recruited by the Gram Panchayats on a contract basis. Their salary is up to Rs. 7500, which is paid from state funds. One Peon/Office assistant or equivalent position is

recruited by the state on a permanent basis. Also, their salary of Rs. 20000 is paid from the state funds. One Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position with a salary of Rs.18000 is recruited by the Gram Panchayats on a contract basis. Their salary is sourced from Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

In respect of engineers, all are posted in the concerned blocks and they are responsible for the preparation of technical estimates, supervision, and work of Panchayats, as well as the implementation of works. The post of Rural Program Manager (RPM), equivalent to Panchayat Secretary is looking after all IT-related works of the Panchayat. In blocks, there are posts of Panchayat Officer/ Panchayat Extension Officer, Panchayat Supervisor, and Auditor, who look after the supervision and monitoring of works of Panchayat.

2. HIMACHAL PRADESH

Table 7: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Himachal Pradesh

SI	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP fund/	Recruited by	Permanent/	Share by
No		positions	monthly	state fund/center	GP or state	Contract/	schemes
		in a GP	salary per	fund/ scheme or		Daily wage	
			person	project fund			
1	Panchayat development officer, Secretary or Equivalent positions	1	12,120	State Fund	State	contract	-
2	Engineers or equivalent positions	One in three GPS	17,820	State Fund	-	-	MGNREG A
3	Peon/ Office assistant or equivalent position	1	8,500	State Fund	GP	Contract	-
4	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	One in three GPS	-	-	BP	-	MGNREG A

The state Himachal Pradesh has one Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent position in a GP. They are recruited by the state on contract basis. His/ Her salary is Rs. 12,120, and it is paid from the state fund. Engineers or equivalent posts are there with one for 3 Gram Panchayats, providing a salary of Rs.17,820, which is paid from state funds. Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is the share by scheme. One Peon/Office Assistant or equivalent position is recruited by the state on a contract basis. Also, their salary of Rs. 8,500 is paid from state funds. Rojgar Sevaks or equivalent positions are there with one for three GPs and recruited by the Block Panchayats. Their share for salary is from the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

3. UTTARAKHAND

Table 8: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Uttarakhand

SI	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP fund/	Recruited by	Permanent/	Share by
No		positions	monthly	state fund/center	GP or state	Contract/	schemes
		in a GP	salary per	fund/ scheme or		Daily wage	
			person	project fund			
1	Panchayat development officer,	1	40,000+	State Fund	State	Permanent	-
	Secretary or equivalent position						
2	Rojgar Sewak or equivalent	1	9000	MGNREGA	District	Contract	MGNRE
	positions						GA

The state of Uttarakhand has one Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the state permanently. His/ Her salary is more than Rs. 40,000 per month, and is paid from the State fund. One Rojgar Sewak or equivalent position for one GP is recruited by the district on contract basis with a salary of Rs. 9000 per month, which is paid using Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

4. UT LADAKH

Table 9: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of UT- Ladakh

SI	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP fund/	Recruited by	Permanent/
No		positions	monthly	State fund/ center	GP or state	Contract/
		in a GP	salary per	fund/ scheme or		Daily wage
			person	project fund		
1	Panchayat development officer, Secretary	1	30,000	UT	UT	Permanent
	or equivalent position					

The UT Ladakh has one Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the UT permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 30,000 per month, and is paid from the UT fund.

5. UT 0F DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN AND DIU

Table 10: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of UT 0F Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

SI	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP fund/	Recruited	Permanent/	Share
No		positions	monthly salary	state fund/ center	by GP or	Contract/	by GP
		in a GP	per person	fund/ scheme or	state	Daily wage	[OSR]
				project fund			
1	Panchayat development	1	As per	State	State	Permanent	-
	officer, Secretary or		recruitment rule				
	equivalent position		level 2/3				
2	Computer operator/Technical	1	12,000	GP	GP	Daily Wage	Yes
	assistant or equivalent						
	positions						
3	Water pump operator or	1	8000	State/UT	State/UT	Daily Wage	Yes
	equivalent position						
4	Peon/ Office assistant or	1	10000	GP	GP	Doily Waga	Yes
4		1	10000	Ur	Gr	Daily Wage	res
	equivalent position						
5	MTS/ Sweeper	10	8000	GP	GP	Daily Wage	Yes

The UT Of Dadra And Nagar Haveli & Daman And Diu has one Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent position in a GP. They are recruited by the state permanently. His/ Her salary is as per recruitment rule level ²/₃, and it is paid from the UT fund. One Computer

Operator/Technical Assistant or equivalent position per one GP and him/her is recruited by GP on a daily wage basis with a salary of Rs. 12,000, which is paid from the GP fund. Share by GP(OSR) is also there. One Water pump operator or equivalent post is there per one Gram Panchayat, posted by State/ UT, with a salary of Rs. 8,000 per month, which is paid from the State/UT fund. Share by GP(OSR) is there. One Peon/Office assistant or equivalent position is recruited by the GP on a daily wage basis. Also, their salary of Rs. 10,000 is paid from GP funds. Share by GP(OSR) is there. 10 MTS/ Sweepers are posted on a daily wage basis. They are recruited by GP itself and their wage of Rs. 8,000 per month is paid from GP funds. Share by GP(OSR) is also there.

6. NAGALAND

Table 11: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Nagaland

SI	Designation			No of positions	Minimum monthly	Recruited by GP/	Permanent/
No				in a GP	salary per person	state	contract/
							daily wage
1	Panchayat	Development	Officer,	1	1000	Selected by VCMs	Selected for 3
	Secretary/ Equ	uivalent officials					years

The state of Nagaland has One Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary or Equivalent official with a monthly salary of Rs. 1,000 rupees is recruited by VCMs for 3 years

7. PUNJAB

Table 12: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Punjab

SI	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP fund/	Recruited by	Permanent/	Share	Share by
No		positions	monthly	state fund/ center	GP or state	Contract/	by GP	schemes
		in a GP	salary per	fund/ scheme or		Daily wage	[OSR]	
			person	project fund				
1	Panchayat development officer,	1/5	35,000	GP+ State	State	Permanent		
	Secretary/ Equivalent officials							
2	Engineers or equivalent positions	1/50	50,000	State	State	Permanent		
3	Computer operator/Technical	1/80	15,000	Scheme	BP	Contract		Yes
	assistant or equivalent positions							
4	Tax collector/ equivalent position	1/80	40,000	GP + State	State	Permanent		
5	Water pump operator or equivalent	1	8,000	GP	GP	Daily	Yes	
	position					Wages		
6	Cleaning or Health staff/	1= 1	4000[cw]	GP	GP	Daily		
	equivalent positions		5000[hw]	Scheme	State	Wages		
7	Rojgar Sewak/equivalent position	1/10	14,000	Scheme	State	Contract		Yes

The state of Punjab has one Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent position for five GPs. They are recruited by the state permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 35,000/ month, and is paid from GP + State fund. Engineers or equivalent posts are there with one for 50 Gram Panchayats, recruited by the state, provided with a salary of 50,000 rupees/month, which is paid from state funds. They are posted on a permanent basis. One Computer operator/Technical assistant or equivalent position for 80 GP and he/she is recruited by BP on contract basis with a salary of Rs. 15,000, which is paid from the scheme fund. Tax collector or equivalent position is posted with one officer for 80 GPs, on a permanent basis by the state with a salary of Rs. 40,000/ month, which is paid from GP+ State fund.

One Water pump operator or equivalent post is there per one Gram Panchayat, appointed by GP on a daily wage basis with a salary of Rs. 8,000/month, which is paid from the HP fund. Share by GP(OSR) is there.

One Cleaning or health staff/ equivalent position for one GP, recruited by GP & state with a salary of 4,000/month for CW and 5,000/month for HW, which is paid from GP scheme. Also, their posting is on a daily wage basis. One Rojgar Sewak/ equivalent position for ten GPs, recruited by the state with a salary of Rs. 14,000/month, which is paid from the scheme. Their posting is on contract basis.

8. KARNATAKA

Table 13: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Karnataka

SI	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP	Recruited	Permanent/	Share	Share by
No		positions	monthly	fund/state	by GP or	Contract/	by GP	schemes
		in a GP	salary per	fund/center	state	Daily wage	[OSR]	
			person	fund/scheme or				
				project fund				
1	Panchayat development officer, Secretary/	1	50,000	State	State	Permanent		
	Equivalent officials							
2	Assistant Secretary/ equivalent positions	1	35,000	State	State	Permanent		
3	Junior Clerk/equivalent position	1	30,000	State	State	Permanent		
4	Engineer/equivalent position	1	35,000	Scheme	State	Contract		Yes
5	Computer operator, technical	1-2	15,000	GP/State	GP	Permanent	Yes	
	assistant/equivalent position							
6	Tax collector/equivalent position	1	13,000	GP/State	GP	Permanent	Yes	
7	Water pump operator/equivalent position	5-10	10,000	GP/State	GP	Permanent	Yes	
8	Peon, office assistant/ equivalent position	1	10,000	GP/State	GP	Permanent	Yes	
9	Cleaning, Health staff/equivalent position	1-2	10,000	GP/State	GP	Permanent	Yes	
10	Rojgar Sewak/equivalent position	1	12,000	Scheme	GP	Contract		Yes

The state of Karnataka has one Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the state permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 50,000/month, and is paid from the state fund. One Assistant secretary/ equivalent post for a GP is also there. They are recruited by the state permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 35,000/month, and is paid from the state fund. One Junior clerk/ equivalent post is there for a GP. They are recruited by the state permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 30,000/month, and is paid from the state fund. One Engineer/ equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the state on contract basis. His/ Her salary is Rs. 35,000/month, and is paid from the scheme fund. 1-2 Computer Operator, Technical Assistant/ equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the GP permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 15,000/month, and is paid from the GP/state fund. Share by GP(OSR) is there. One Tax Collector/ equivalent position is there for a GP. They are recruited by the GP permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 10,000/month, and is paid from the GP/state fund. Share by GP(OSR) is there. 5-10 Water pump operator/ equivalent positions are there for a GP. They are recruited by the GP permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 10,000/month, and is paid from the GP/state fund. Share by GP(OSR) is there. One Peon, Office Assistant/ equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the GP permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 10,000/month, and is paid from the GP/state fund. Share by GP(OSR) is there.

One to two Cleaning, health staff/ equivalent position is there for a GP. They are recruited by the GP permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 10,000/month, and is paid from the GP/state fund. Share by GP(OSR) is there. One Rojgar Sewak/ equivalent position for a GP who are recruited by the GP on contract basis. His/ Her salary is Rs. 12,000/month, and is paid from the scheme fund.

9. SIKKIM

Table 14: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Sikkim

SI No	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP fund/	Recruited by	Permanent/
		positions	monthly	state fund/center	GP or state	Contract/
		in a GP	salary per	fund/ scheme or		Daily wage
			person	project fund		
1	Panchayat development officer,	1	42,000	State fund	State	Permanent
	Secretary/Equivalent officials					
2	Assistant Secretary/ equivalent positions	1	18,000			Consolidated
3	Junior Clerk/equivalent position	1	17,000			
4	Engineer/equivalent position	1	18,000			Consolidated
5	Computer operator, technical	1	12,000	State	State	Consolidated
	assistant/equivalent position					
6	Water pump operator/equivalent position	1	12,000	State	state	Consolidated
7	Peon, office assistant/ equivalent position	1	12,000			
8	Cleaning, Health staff/equivalent position	1	9,000			

The state of Sikkim has one Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the state permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs. 42,000/month, and is paid from the state fund. There is one Assistant Secretary/ equivalent post for a GP with a salary of Rs. 18,000/month. One Junior Clerk/ equivalent position is there for a GP. His/ her salary is Rs. 17,000/month. One Engineer/ equivalent position for a GP is there whose salary is Rs. 18000/month.

The state has one Computer Operator, Technical Assistant/ equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the state (consolidated). His/ Her salary is Rs. 12,000/month, and is paid from the state fund. One Water pump operator/ equivalent position is there for a GP. They are recruited by the state(consolidated). His/ Her salary is Rs. 12,000/month, and is paid from the state fund. One Peon, office assistant/ equivalent position for a GP whose salary is Rs 12,000/month. One Cleaning, Health Staff/ equivalent position is there for a GP. His/ Her salary is Rs. 9,000/month.

10. MADHYA PRADESH

Table 15: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Madhya Pradesh

SI No	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP fund/	Recruited	Permanent/
		positions	monthly	state fund/center	by GP or	Contract/
		in a GP	salary per	fund/ scheme or	state	Daily wage
			person	project fund		
1	Panchayat development officer,	23,012	25,000	State	GP	Permanent
	Secretary/Equivalent officials					
2	Assistant Secretary/ equivalent positions	23,012	18,000	Scheme	GP	Contract
3	Engineer/equivalent position	3,000	40,000	State	State	
4	Computer operator, technical	1,000	15,000	Scheme		
	assistant/equivalent position					

The state of Madhya Pradesh has 23,012 Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent positions. They are recruited by the GP permanently. His/ Her salary is Rs.25000/month, and is paid from the state fund. 23,012 Assistant Secretary/ equivalent posts are there in the state. They are recruited by the GP on contract basis. His/ Her salary is Rs.18,000/month, and is paid from the scheme fund. 3000 Engineer/ equivalent positions are there in the state for the GPs. They are recruited by the state on contract basis. His/ Her salary is Rs. 40,000/month, and is paid from the state fund. 1000 computer operator, Technical Assistant/ equivalent position with salary of Rs.10,000/month are there and the salary is paid from the scheme fund.

11. TAMIL NADU

Table 16: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Tamil Nadu

SI	Designation	No of positions in a GP
No		
1	Panchayat development officer, Secretary/Equivalent officials	12,525
2	Water pump operator/equivalent position	40,419
3	Cleaning, Health staff/equivalent position	26,404

The state of Tamil Nadu has 12,525 Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent positions. 40,419 Water pump operator/ equivalent positions are there in the State and 26,404 Cleaning, Health Staff/ equivalent positions are there in the State.

12. ODISHA

Table 17: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Odisha

SI	Designation	No of positions in a	Paid by GP fund/ state	Recruited by	Permanent/
No		GP	fund/center fund/ scheme	GP or state	Contract/
			or project fund		Daily wage
1	Panchayat development officer,	1	State fund	State	Permanent
	Secretary/Equivalent officials				
2	Water pump operator/equivalent position	1	Scheme	GP	Daily Wage
3	Peon, office assistant/ equivalent position	1	GP	GP	Daily Wage
4	Cleaning, Health staff/equivalent position	1	-	GP	Contract
5	Rojgar Sewak/equivalent position	1	-	GP	Daily Wage
6	Jagan Sahayar	1	Scheme	GP	Daily Wage

In the state of Odisha, payment for Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent position is done from state fund. This position is recruited by the state on a permanent basis. Water pump operator/ equivalent position is recruited by the GP on daily wage basis and their salary is paid from the scheme fund. Peon or office assistant/ equivalent position is recruited by the GP on daily wage basis and their salary is paid from the GP fund.

Cleaning, Health Staff/ equivalent position is recruited by the GP on contract basis. Rojgar Sewak/ equivalent position is recruited by the GP on contract basis. Jagan Sahayar position is recruited by the GP on daily wage basis and their salary is paid from the scheme fund.

13. ASSAM

Table 18: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Assam

SI	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP fund/	Recruited	Permanent/
No		positions	monthly salary	state fund/center	by GP or	Contract/
		in a GP	per person	fund/ scheme or	state	Daily wage
				project fund		
1	Panchayat development officer,	1	As per gov norm	State	State	Permanent
	Secretary/Equivalent officials					
2	Engineer/equivalent position	1	15,000	Project	State	Contract
3	Computer operator, technical	1	12,000	Project	State	Contract
	assistant/equivalent position					
4	Tax collector/equivalent position	1	As per gov norm	State	State	Permanent
5	Peon, office assistant/ equivalent position	1	As per gov norm	State	GP	Permanent
6	Rojgar Sewak/equivalent position	1	8,000	Project	GP	Contract

The state of Assam has one Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the state permanently. His/ Her salary is according to govt norms, and is paid from the state fund. One Engineer/ equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the state on contract basis. His/ Her salary is 15,000/month, and is paid from the project fund. Computer Operator or Technical Assistant/ equivalent position for a GP are recruited by the state on contract basis. His/ Her salary is 12,000/month, and is paid from the project fund.

Tax Collector/ equivalent position for a GP are recruited by the state on permanent basis. His/ Her salary is according to the government norms, and is paid from the State fund. Peon or Office Assistant/ equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the GP on permanent basis. His/ Her salary is according to the government norms, and is paid from the State fund. Rojgar Sewak/ equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the GP on contract basis. His/ Her salary is 8,000/month, and is paid from the project fund.

14. JHARKHAND

Table 19: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Jharkhand

SI	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP fund/ state	Recruited	Permanent/
No		positions	monthly salary	fund/ center fund/	by GP or	Contract/
		in a GP	per person	scheme or project fund	state	Daily wage
1	Panchayat development officer,	1	Grade pays	State fund	State	Permanent
	Secretary/Equivalent officials		2000			
2	Engineer/equivalent position	1/3	17,000	15 th FE	District	Contract
3	Computer operator, technical	1/3	10,000	15 th FE	District	Contract
	assistant/equivalent position					
4	Rojgar Sewak/equivalent position	1	10,500	MGNREGA	District	Contract

The GPs in Jharkhand has one Panchayat Development Officer, Secretary, or equivalent position for a GP recruited by the state permanently for a salary is Rs.2,000/month (grade pays), and is paid from the state fund. One Engineering Officer/ equivalent position for 3 GPs. They are recruited by the district on contract basis. His/ Her salary is Rs.17,000/ month, and is paid from the 15th FE. One Computer operator or technical assistant/ equivalent position for 3 GPs. They are recruited by the district on contract basis. His/ Her salary is Rs.10,000/month, and is paid from the 15th FE. One Rojgar Sewak/ equivalent position for a GP. They are recruited by the district on contract basis. His/ Her salary is Rs.10,500/month, and is paid from the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

15. GUJARAT

Table 20: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Gujarat

Sl	Designation	No of	Min.	Paid by GP funds/	Recruited	Permanent/	Share by	Share by
no.		positions	Monthly	state funds/ central/	by GP/	contract/	GP (OSR)	Schemes
		in a GP	salary per	scheme or project	State	daily wages		
			person	funds				
1	Panchayat Development	1	19950	State	State	Permanent	0	0
	office/ Secretary or							
	equivalent position							
2	Computer Operator/	1	1500	GP 15 th FC	GP	Contract	100%	-
	Technical Assistant or							
	equivalent position*							
3	Water pump operator or	1	3000	GP 15 th FC	GP	Contract	100%	-
	equivalent position							

The GPs of Gujarat has 1 Panchayat Development officer/ Secretary or equivalent position. They are recruited by the state permanently. Their minimum salary is Rs.19,950/month and paid from the State funds. 1 Computer Operator/ Technical Assistant or equivalent position is recruited by the Gram Panchayat on a contract basis. Their minimum monthly salary is Rs.1500/month which is paid from GP 15th FC and the share of the GP is 100%. Apart from this, they also get incentives for giving various other services like from income certificates etc. 1 Water pump operator or equivalent position is recruited by the Gram Panchayat on a contract basis. Their minimum monthly salary is Rs. 3000/month which is sourced from the GP 15th FC and the share of the GP is 100%.

16. MAHARASHTRA

Table 21: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Maharastra

Sl	Designation	No of	Min.	Paid by GP funds/	Recruited by	Permanent/	Share	Share by
no.		positi	Monthly	state funds/	GP/ State	contract/	by GP	Schemes
		ons in	salary per	central/ scheme or		daily wages	(OSR)	
		a GP	person	project funds				
1	Panchayat Development office/	1	70,000					
	Secretary or equivalent position			State fund	State	Permanent	-	-
2	Junior clerk or equivalent position	1-3	15,000	State and own fund	GP	Permanent	GP	-
3	Computer operator/ Technical	1	12,500	FC Scheme	GP	Contract	-	Scheme
	Assistant or equivalent position							(100%)
4	Water pump operator or equivalent	1	14,000	State and own fund	GP	Permanent	GP	-
	position							
5	Peon/ Office Assistant or	1	12,000	State and own fund	GP	Permanent	GP	
	equivalent position							
6	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent	1	0.6% of	Central	GP	Contract	-	Scheme
	position		total					(MGNRE
			expenditure					GA 100%)

Maharashtra has 1 Panchayat Development Officer/ Secretary or equivalent position per GP recruited on a permanent basis by the state for a minimum salary is Rs.70,000/month paid from the state fund. There are 1-3 Junior clerk or equivalent position recruited by the GP on a permanent basis. The minimum salary per person is Rs.15,000/month which is sourced from their own funds and state funds. 1 Computer operator/ Technical Assistant or equivalent position is recruited by the GP on a contract basis. Their minimum salary is Rs. 12,500/month which is paid through the FC scheme. 1 water pump operator or equivalent position is recruited by the GP on a permanent basis.

Their minimum salary is Rs.14,000/month and are paid from the state funds and their own funds. 1 Peon/Office Assistant or equivalent position is recruited by the GP on a permanent basis. Their minimum salary is Rs.12,000/month which is paid from the state funds and their own funds. 1 Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position is recruited by the GP on a contract basis. Their minimum salary is 0.6% of the total expenditure which is paid through the centre's funds. The share of the scheme Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is 100%.

17. UTTAR PRADESH

Table 22: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Uttar Pradesh

Sl	Designation	No of	Min.	Paid by GP funds/	Recruited	Permanent/
No.		positions	Monthly	state funds/	by GP/	contract/
		in a GP	salary per	central/ scheme or	State	daily wages
			person	project funds		
1	Panchayat Development office/ Secretary or	1	2,800	State funds	State	Permanent
	equivalent position		(Grade			
			pay)			
2	Computer operator/ Technical Assistant or	1	6,000	GP from SFC	GP	Contract
	equivalent position					
3	Cleaning/ Health Staff or equivalent position	1	1,900	State funds	State	Permanent
			(Grade			
			pay)			
6	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	1	10,000	State funds	GP	Contract

Uttar Pradesh reported that the GPs of the state have 1 Panchayat Development Officer/ Secretary or equivalent position each recruited on a permanent basis by the state. Their minimum salary is Rs.2,800/month (grade pay) paid through the state funds. 1 Computer Operator/ Technical Assistant or equivalent position is recruited by the GP on a contract basis. Their minimum salary is Rs.6,000/month paid by the GP from SFC. 1 Cleaning/ Health Staff or equivalent position is recruited by the state on a permanent basis. Their minimum salary is Rs.1,900/month (grade pay)

paid through the state funds. 1 Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position is recruited by the GP on a contract basis. Their minimum salary is Rs.10,000/month and paid through state funds.

Note: Out of 57,704 GPs only around 11,000 GP Secretary posts exist and are filled. One Panchayat Sahayak is placed. Total 97,000 Safai karmacharis posts are filled. Around 35,000 posts of Rojgar Sewak posts are filled

18. WEST BENGAL

Table 23: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of West Bengal

Sl	Designation	No of	Min.	Paid by GP funds/	Recruited	Permanent/
no.		positions	Monthly	state funds/	by GP/	contract/
		in a GP	salary per	central/ scheme or	State	daily wages
			person	project funds		
1	Panchayat Development office/ Secretary or	1	-	State	District	Permanent
	equivalent position					
2	Assistant Secretary or equivalent position	2	-	State	District	Permanent
3	Superintendent or other supervisory position or	1	-	State	District	Permanent
	equivalent position					
4	Engineer or equivalent position	1	-	State	District	Permanent
	Computer operator/ Technical Assistant or					
5	equivalent position	1-2	-	GP	GP	Contract
6	Overseer or equivalent position	1	-	State	District	Contract
7	Tax collector or equivalent position	2	-	State+ GP	GP	Contract
8	Peon/ Office Assistant or equivalent position	1-3	-	State	District	Permanent
9	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	1-2	-	State	District	Contract

The GPs of West Bengal has 1 Panchayat Development Officer/ Secretary or equivalent position appointed on a permanent basis by the district. They are paid through the state funds. Reports shows that there are 2 Assistant Secretary or equivalent position is recruited by the district on a permanent basis and they are paid through the state funds. 1 Superintendent or other supervisory position or equivalent position is recruited by the district on a permanent basis and is paid through state funds. 1 Engineer or equivalent position is recruited by the GP on a contract basis and paid through the GP funds.

1 Overseer or equivalent position is recruited by the district on a contract basis and paid through state funds. 2 Tax collectors or equivalent position are recruited by the GP on a contract basis and paid through the funds from the state and GP. 1-3 Peon/ Office Assistant or equivalent position is recruited by the district on a permanent basis and paid through state funds. 1-2 Rojgar Sevaks or equivalent position is appointed by the district on a contract basis and are paid through the funds from the State.

19. ANDHRA PRADESH

Table 24: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Andhra Pradesh

Sl	Designation	No of	Min.	Paid by GP funds/	Recruited	Permanent/	Share
no.		positions	Monthly	state funds/ central/	by GP/	contract/	by GP
		in a GP	salary per	scheme or project	State	daily wages	(OSR)
			person	funds			
1	Panchayat Development office/	1	35,000	State	State	Permanent	-
	Secretary or equivalent position						
2	Assistant Secretary or equivalent	1-5 (in	30,000	State	State	Permanent	-
	position	majority					
		GPs)					
3	Junior clerk or equivalent position	1 (in	30,000	State	State	Permanent	-
		majority					
		GPs)					
4	Engineer or equivalent position	1	30,000	State	State	Permanent	-
5	Computer operator/ Technical	1	30,000	State	State	Permanent	-
	Assistant or equivalent position						
6	Tax collector	1-2 (in	-	-	-	-	-
		majority					
		of GPs)					

7	Water pump operator or equivalent position	1-3	10,000	GP Funds	GP	Daily wage	100%
8	Cleaning/ Health Staff or equivalent position	2-50	6,000- 12,000	GP Funds	GP	Daily wage	100%
9	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	1-2	10,000	MGNREGA	GP	-	-
10	Village Health Assistant	1	35,000	State	GP	Consolidated	-
11	Village Surveyor	1	35,000	State	State	Permanent	-
12	Village agr. assistant	1	35,000	State	State	Permanent	-
13	Village horticulture assistant in selected GPs	1	35,000	State	State	Permanent	-
14	Mahila Police	1	35,000	State	State	Permanent	-

Andhra Pradesh reported that each GP in the state has 1 Panchayat Development officer/ Secretary or equivalent position recruited on a permanent basis by the state. Their minimum salary is Rs.35,000/month paid through the state funds. 1-5 assistant Secretaries or equivalent positions are recruited by the state on a permanent basis in majority of the GPs. Their minimum salary is Rs.30,000 paid through state funds. 1 Junior clerk or equivalent position is recruited by the state on a permanent basis in majority of the GPs. Their minimum salary is Rs.30,000 paid through state funds. 1 Engineer or equivalent position is appointed by the state on a permanent basis. The minimum salary is Rs.30,000 paid through state funds. 1 Computer operator/ Technical Assistant or equivalent position is recruited by the state on a permanent basis. Their minimum. salary is Rs.30,000/month paid through state funds.

There are 1-2 Tax Collectors or equivalent position in majority of the GPs. 1-3 Water pump operators or equivalent position are recruited by the GPs. Their minimum salary is Rs.10,000 per month which is given as daily wages through the GP's funds. 2-50 Cleaning/ Health Staff or equivalent

position is recruited by the GP. Their monthly salaries scale from Rs. 6,000- 12,000 and is given as daily wages from the GP's funds. 1-2 Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position is recruited by the GP and the minimum monthly salary is Rs.10,000 paid through MGNREGA scheme. 1 Village Health Assistant is recruited by the GP on a consolidated basis.

The min. monthly salary is Rs.35,000/month paid through state funds. 1 Village Surveyor is recruited by the state on a permanent basis. The minimum monthly salary is Rs.35,000/month paid through state funds. 1 Village Agriculture Assistant is recruited by the state on a permanent basis. The minimum monthly salary is Rs.35,000 paid through state funds. 1 village horticulture assistant is recruited by the state on a permanent basis in select GPs. The minimum monthly salary is Rs.35,000 paid through state funds. 1 Mahila Police is recruited by the state on a permanent basis. The minimum monthly salary is Rs.35,000 paid through state funds.

20. BIHAR

Table 25: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Bihar

Sl	Designation	No of	Min.	Paid by GP funds/	Recruited	Permanent/	Share	Share by
no.		positions	Monthly	state funds/ central/	by GP/	contract/	by GP	Schemes
		in a GP	salary per	scheme or project	State	daily wages	(OSR)	
			person	funds				
1	Panchayat Development	7,500	50,000	State fund	State	Permanent	-	-
	office/ Secretary or							
	equivalent position							
2	Assistant Secretary or	7,500	35,000	State fund	State	Contract	-	-
	equivalent position							
3	Superintendent or other	38	55,000	State fund	State	Contract	-	-
	supervisory position or							
	equivalent position							
4	Engineer or equivalent	7,500	45,000	State fund	State	Contract	-	-
	position							

	Computer operator/	7,500	30,000	State fund	State	Contract	-	-
5	Technical Assistant or							
	equivalent position							
6	Water pump operator or	58,000	5,000	Scheme fund	GP	Contract	-	100%
	equivalent position							
7	Peon/ Office Assistant or	7,500	20,000	Project fund	GP	Contract	100%	
/		7,300	20,000	Project fund	GP	Contract	100%	-
	equivalent position							
8	Cleaning/ Health Staff or	7,500	15,000	Project fund	GP	Contract	100%	-
	equivalent position							
9	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent	7,500	25,000	State fund	State	Permanent	-	-
	position							

Their minimum. monthly salary is Rs.50,000 paid through State funds. 7500 Assistant Secretary or equivalent position is recruited by the state on a contract basis. Their minimum monthly salary is Rs.35,000 paid through state funds. 38 Superintendent or other supervisory position or equivalent position is recruited by the state on a contract basis. Their minimum monthly salary is Rs.55,000 paid through state funds. 7,500 Engineer or equivalent position is recruited by the state on a contract basis. Their minimum monthly salary is Rs.45,000 paid through state funds. 7,500 Computer operator/ Technical Assistant or equivalent position is recruited by the state on a contract basis. Their minimum monthly salary is Rs.30,000 and is paid through the state funds. 58,000 Water pump operator or equivalent position is recruited by the GP on a contract basis. Their minimum monthly salary is Rs.5,000 of which 100% is paid through the funds of a scheme. 7,500 Peon/ Office Assistant or equivalent position is

recruited by the GP on a contract basis. The minimum monthly salary is Rs.20,000 paid through project funds of which GP's share is 100%. 7,500 Cleaning/ Health Staff or equivalent position is recruited by the GP on a contract basis. The minimum monthly salary is Rs.15,000 and is paid through project funds of which the GP's share is 100%. 7,500 Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position is recruited by the state on a permanent basis. The minimum monthly salary is Rs.25,000 paid through state funds.

The report given by the Bihar state also denotes that the posts of some GPs are remaining vacant.

21. MANIPUR

Table 26: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Manipur

Sl No	Designation	No of positions in a GP	Minimum Monthly salary per person	Paid by GP funds/state funds/central/scheme or project funds	Recruited by GP/ State	Permanent/ contract/ Daily wages
1	Panchayat Development officer/Secretary or equivalent position	N/A				
2	Assistant Secretary or equivalent position	N/A				
3	Junior Clerk or equivalent position	N/A				
4	Senior Clerk or equivalent position	N/A				
5	Superintendent or other supervisory position or equivalent position	N/A				
6	Engineer or equivalent position	N/A				
7	Overseer or equivalent position	N/A				
8	Computer Operator/Technical Assistant or equivalent position	N/A				
9	Tax Collector or equivalent position	N/A				
10	Water pump operator or equivalent position	N/A				
11	Peon/Office Assistant or equivalent position	N/A				

12	Cleaning/Health Staff or equivalent position	N/A		
13	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	N/A		

Manipur state has given no details about the stipulated positions of the Gram Panchayats

22. MIZORAM

Table 27 : Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Mizoram

Sl No	Designation	No of positions in a GP	Minimum Monthly salary per person	Paid by GP funds/state funds/central/scheme or project funds	Recruited by GP/State	Permanent/ contract/ Daily wages
1	Panchayat Development officer/Secretary or equivalent position	1	650 per month	Local Administrative Department, State Fund	Nominated by Village Council President and approved by the State	Permanent for 5 years tenure
2	Assistant Secretary or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
3	Junior Clerk or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
4	Senior Clerk or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
5	Superintendent or other supervisory position or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
6	Engineer or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
7	Overseer or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

8	Computer Operator/Technical Assistant or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
9	Tax Collector or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
10	Water pump operator or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
11	Peon/Office Assistant or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
12	Cleaning/Health Staff or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
13	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

The GPs in the state of Manipur have one Panchayat Secretary or equivalent position receiving a salary of Rs.650/month. The official to this post is nominated by Village Council President and approved by the State and is paid from the state fund.

23. ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Table 28: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Arunachal Pradesh

Sl	Designation	No of	Minimum	Paid by GP funds/state	Recruited	Permanent/
No		positions in	Monthly salary	funds/central/scheme or	by GP/	contract/
		a GP	per person	project funds	State	Daily wages
1	Panchayat Development officer/	1	45000	State	State	Permanent
	Secretary or equivalent position					
2	Assistant Secretary or equivalent	1	14000	GP	GP	Contractual
	position					
3	Junior Clerk or equivalent	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	position					
4	Senior Clerk or equivalent	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	position					
5	Superintendent or other	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	supervisory position or					
	equivalent position					
6	Engineer or equivalent position	1	35000	State	State	Permanent
7	Overseer or equivalent position	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	Computer Operator/Technical	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Assistant or equivalent position					

9	Tax Collector or equivalent position	1	1200	GP	GP	Contractual
10	Water pump operator or equivalent position	1	4000	GP	GP	Contractual
11	Peon/Office Assistant or equivalent position	1	2000	GP	GP	Contractual
12	Cleaning/Health Staff or equivalent position	1	15000	State	District	Permanent
13	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	1	7000	State	District	Contractual

The GPs of Arunachal Pradesh has One Panchayat secretary each appointed by the State in a permanent manner for a salary of Rs.45000 per month. There is an Assistant secretary in each panchayat recruited on a contractual basis for 14000 rupees per month. One person is recruited by the state as engineer in a permanent basis with a salary of Rs.35000 per month. There is one person as Tax Collector in each GP appointed the GPs on a contractual basis with a salary of Rs.1200/month. One person each is recruited as water pump collector, Peon/Office Assistant and Cleaning/Health staff for a salary of Rs.4000/month, Rs.2000/month and Rs.15000/month respectively. There is a Rojgar Sevak in each panchayat recruited by the district on a contractual basis. They receive a salary of Rs.7000 per month, paid from State fund.

24. RAJASTHAN

Table 29: Table Showing Quantum and Nature of Functions and Tasks of Rajasthan

Sl No	Designation	No of positions in a GP	Minimum Monthly salary per person	Paid by GP funds/ state funds/ central/ cheme or project funds	Recruited by GP/State	Permanent/ contract/ Daily wages
1	Panchayat Development officer/Secretary or equivalent position	N/A				
2	Assistant Secretary or equivalent position	N/A				
3	Junior Clerk or equivalent position	N/A				
4	Senior Clerk or equivalent position	N/A				
5	Superintendent or other supervisory position or equivalent position	N/A				
6	Engineer or equivalent position	N/A				
7	Overseer or equivalent position	N/A				
8	Computer Operator/Technical Assistant or equivalent position	N/A				
9	Tax Collector or equivalent position	N/A				
10	Water pump operator or equivalent position	N/A				
11	Peon/Office Assistant or equivalent position	N/A				
12	Cleaning/Health Staff or equivalent position	N/A				
13	Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	N/A				

The state of Rajasthan has given no details about the stipulated positions of the Gram Panchayats.

Major observations

- No standardized job profiles
- Multiplicity of cadres that is not warranted by nature of work and skill set
- Variations observed between desired and suggested skill sets and actual skill sets
- Wide variation across states in terms of engagement, qualification and mode of recruitment, duration, remuneration, travel allowance and other conditions for similar cadres
- Positions are not filled
- Responsibility at multiple locations
- Ad hoc engagement, often for discontinuous periods, leading to attrition
- Performance outputs are not clearly defined for all and there is no systematic monitoring
- Non accountability of state cadre and scheme functionaries to panchayats.
- Remuneration not being linked to the performance outcome
- Delayed payment of remuneration and reimbursement of travel cost
- No additional remuneration paid by other departments for additional for additional work
- Variation in remuneration leading to migration of employees from one state to another; sometimes between one scheme to another
- Potential risk of demand for regularization

Part A HUMAN RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION IN GRAM PANCHAYATS

Data were collected from the states using a detailed questionnaire to know about the adequacy of human resource in each panchayat for the smooth functioning of the GPs.

Data collected from 24 states were analysed. Table 6 shows the availability of officials in the stipulated positions in the selected states. It is understood that this availability is considered only if it is exclusively for a GP and not shared among a few.

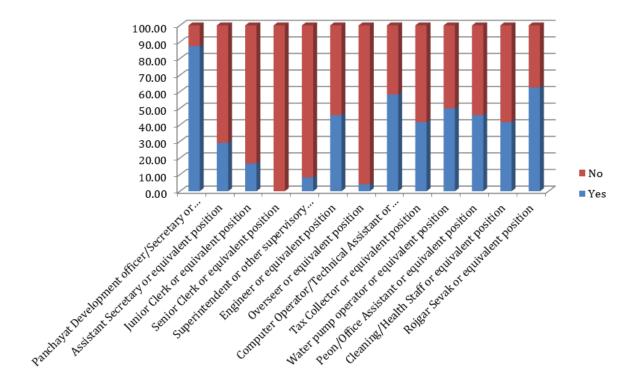
Table 30: Table Showing Whether the States Have or Have Not the Stipulated Positions
Occupied

Position	<u> </u>	Yes	No		
Position	n	%	n	%	
Panchayat Development Officer/Secretary or equivalent position	21	87.50	3	12.50	
Assistant Secretary or equivalent position	7	29.17	17	70.83	
Junior Clerk or equivalent position	4	16.67	20	83.33	
Senior Clerk or equivalent position	0	0.00	24	100.00	
Superintendent or other supervisory position or equivalent position	2	8.33	22	91.67	
Engineer or equivalent position	11	45.83	13	54.17	
Overseer or equivalent position	1	4.17	23	95.83	
Computer Operator/Technical Assistant or equivalent position	14	58.33	10	41.67	
Tax Collector or equivalent position	10	41.67	14	58.33	
Water pump operator or equivalent position	12	50.00	12	50.00	

Peon/Office Assistant or equivalent position	11	45.83	13	54.17
Cleaning/Health Staff or equivalent position	10	41.67	14	58.33
Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	15	62.50	9	37.50

From the above table, it can be said that out of the 24 selected states, 12 states reported as having Panchayat Development Officer/Secretary or equivalent position. Number of states reported as having the post of Assistant Secretary, Junior Clerk, Senior Clerk and Superintendent is 1, 0, 0, and 0 respectively. Only 3 states reported as having an engineer or equivalent position exclusively for a GP. At the same time, none of the states reported as having an Overseer. 5 states reported as having the post of Computer operator and 6 has tax collector positions. 4 states said as holding the post of water pump operator in Gram Panchayats. Only 6 of the selected states reported as having the post of office assistant or peon. Health Staff/Cleaning staff is there in only 3 states. Meantime, 8 states reported as having the Rojgar Sevak.

Figure 3: Availability of Officials in the Concerned Designations of Gram Panchayats



The table and the chart above show the status of HR in GPs of various states. This is based on the approved HR in the reported states. We tried to understand the situation in a little more detailed manner. Thus, the HR distribution of the states Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu were studied in detail and is discussed further.

Human Resource Distribution in Gram Panchayats of Assam

- The administration of the Gram Panchayats in Assam state consists of a Gram Panchayat Secretary, Tax collectors, Junior engineer, Peon-cum-Chowkdar, Gram Panchayat Coordinator, Gram Rozgar Sahayak, Accredited Engineer, Computer Assistant, Account Assistant. In some panchayats Gram sevikas are also present.
- The secretary, tax collector and junior engineer will be the regular employees. Others will be on contract basis.
- The salaries for each regular staff in the panchayat are given by the Assam State Government.
- The qualification of Gram Panchayat Secretaries in the Assam State seems to be B. Com in majority cases but persons with qualifications such as MA in Social work, Pre Degree /HS (by promotion), B.A. are also there.
- The GP secretary is expected to be a certificate holder of Diploma in computer application. But in many cases, the secretaries don't have a certificate in any computer course.
- There is a tax collector in the panchayats of Assam who will be a graduate in any stream.
- The tax collector will be looking after the assignments entrusted by the Gram Panchayat Secretary.
- The tax collector will be having a diploma in computer application.
- The Peon-cum-Chowkdar need not have any computer knowledge and he is expected to multitask.
- The salaries for the Peon-cum-Chowkdar will be from GP's own source revenue.
- The Gram Panchayat coordinator (GPC) will be implementing the Finance Commission grant and looking after all the assignments entrusted by the Gram Panchayat Secretary.

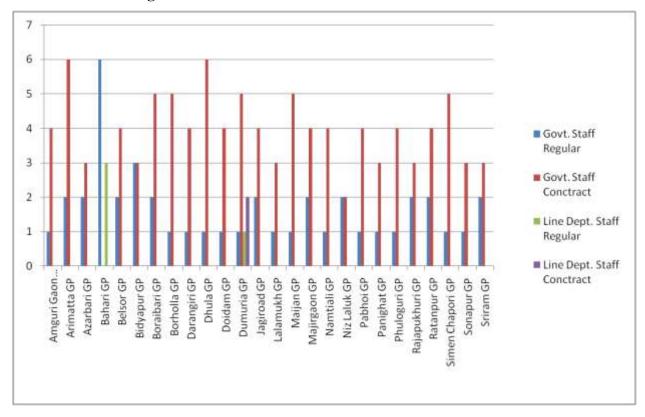
- The salary for GPC is paid from the administrative expense of the Finance Commission Grant and they will be B.Com graduates.
- The Gram Rozgar Sahayak (GRS) will implement MGNREGS and look after all the assignments entrusted by the Gram Panchayat Secretary.
- GRS will be High school graduates and are funded by MGNREGS.
- The Accredited Engineers (AE) of the panchayats are contract-based employees who
 will be also looking after the implementation of MGNREGA and looking after all
 the assignments entrusted by the Gram Panchayat Secretary and will be having a
 diploma in civil engineering.
- The salaries of AE are paid from MGNREGS funds.
- The Computer assistant of the GPs in Assam is also contract staff who are paid from MGNREGA or any other funds.
- They will be looking after the MIS works of MGNREGS and all the assignments entrusted by the Gram Panchayat Secretary.
- The Account Assistant will be assisting the GP secretary in account-related matters.
- There are mainly three standing committees present in a Gram Panchayat which are the Development committee, Social justice committee, and Social welfare committee.
- There is no provision for Subcommittees as per the Assam Panchayat Act 1994.
- Every Gaon Panchayat shall constitute the Standing Committees by election from among the elected members of the Gaon Panchayat.
- Each committee shall consist of not less than three or more than four members including the President or the Vice-President, as the case may be.
- The President of the Gaon Panchayat shall be an Ex-Officio member and Chairman of all three committees.

Table 31: No. of Staff in selected GPs of Assam State

Gram Panchayat	Govt. Sta	ff	Non-Govt. Staff		Line Dept. Staff	
Gram ranchayat	Regular	Contract	Regular	Contract	Regular	Contract
Amguri Gaon Panchayat	1	4				
Arimatta GP	2	6				
Azarbari GP	2	3				
Bahari GP	6				3	
Belsor GP	2	4				
Bidyapur GP	3	3				
Boraibari GP	2	5				
Borholla GP	1	5				
Darangiri GP	1	4				
Dhula GP	1	6				
Doidam GP	1	4				
Dumuria GP	1	5			1	2
Jagiroad GP	2	4				
Lalamukh GP	1	3				
Maijan GP	1	5				
Majirgaon GP	2	4				
Namtiali GP	1	4				
Niz Laluk GP	2	2				
Pabhoi GP	1	4				
Panighat GP	1	3				
Phuloguri GP	1	4				
Rajapukhuri GP	2	3				
Ratanpur GP	2	4				

Simen Chapori GP	1	5		
Sonapur GP	1	3		
Sriram GP	2	3		

Figure 4. Staff distribution of Selected GPs of Assam



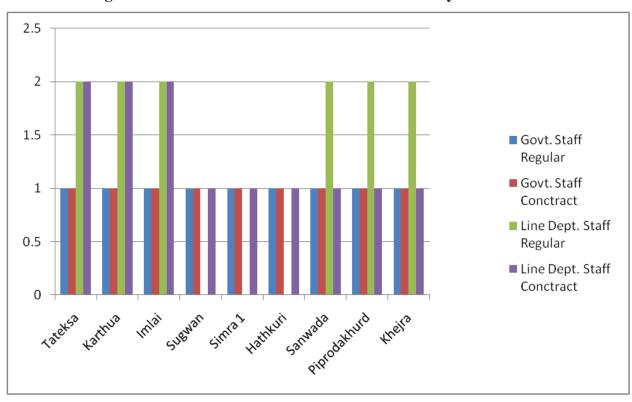
Human Resource Distribution in Gram Panchayats of Madhya Pradesh

The Panchayat administration of the Madhya Pradesh state is entirely different from other states. As per MP Panchayat Act, 1993 the Gram panchayats administrations are fully controlled and managed by the Panchayath secretaries.

Table 32: No. of Staff in selected GPs of Madhya Pradesh

Gram	Govt. Staff		Non-Go	ovt. Staff	Line Dep	ot. Staff
Panchayat	Regular	Contract	Regular	Contract	Regular	Contract
Tateksa	1	1			2	2
Karthua	1	1			2	2
Imlai	1	1			2	2
Sugwan	1	1				1
Simra 1	1	1				1
Hathkuri	1	1				1
Sanwada	1	1			2	1
Piprodakhurd	1	1			2	1
Khejra	1	1			2	1

Figure 5: Staff distribution of Selected GPs of Madhya Pradesh



Human Resource Distribution in Gram Panchayats of Maharashtra

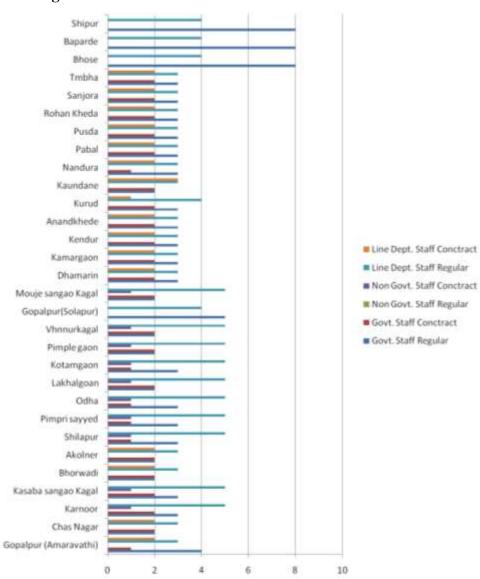
- The Gram sevaks/ Village Development Officers have a diploma/graduation and the number of posts in every Zilla parishads is 1.
- The clerk is seen both as a regular and contract-based staff.
- The peon is a regular, panchayat own staff. The Gram panchayat has the power to recommend and measure their performance and also pays them.
- The tax recovery peon is a contract-based staff who is paid by the Gram Panchayat.
- The main function of the tax recovery peon is to collect tax in the Gram Panchayat.
- The computer operator in the panchayat is paid through an agency (ASSK) by the panchayat
- All work related to your Sarkar Seva Kendra and computer work in Gram Panchayat is done by the computer operator and it is seen both on regular and contract basis.
- The teacher in the Zilla Parishad is a regular staff, paid by the Zilla Parishad to educate children above 6 years of age and finding out-of-school children and admitting them to school, providing education to all eligible children in the village as per their right to education.
- The Anganwadis maid of the Zilla Parishad (ICDS) functions in educating children under 3 to 6 years of age, conducting surveys of pregnant and lactating mothers, providing them with necessary government facilities, searching for malnourished children in the village, checking the haemoglobin of adolescent girls and vaccinating the children in the village.
- The health officer in Zilla Parishad offers free medical aid to the people. The health officer is paid by the Zilla Parishad.
- The Animal Husbandry officer provides free treatment to the village animals and they are being paid by the Zilla Parishad.

Table 33: No. of Staff in selected GPs of Maharashtra State

Gram Panchayat	Govt. Sta	ıff	Non-Gov	Non-Govt. Staff		Line Dept. Staff		
Gram ranchayat	Regular	Contract	Regular	Contract	Regular	Contract		
Gopalpur (Amaravathi)	4	1			3	2		
Chas Nagar	2	2			3	2		
Karnoor	3	2		1	5			
Kasaba sangao Kagal	3	2		1	5			
Bhorwadi	2	2			3	2		
Akolner	2	2			3	2		
Shilapur	3	1		1	5			
Pimpri sayyed	3	1		1	5			
Odha	3	1		1	5			
Lakhalgoan	2	2		1	5			
Kotamgaon	3	1		1	5			
Pimple gaon	2	2		1	5			
Vhnnurkagal	2	2		1	5			
Gopalpur(Solapur)	5				4			
Mouje sangao Kagal	2	2		1	5			
Dhamarin	3	2			3	2		
Kamargaon	3	2			3	2		
Kendur	3	2			3	2		
Anandkhede	3	2			3	2		
Kurud	3	2			4	1		
Kaundane	2	2			3	3		
Nandura	3	1			3	2		
Pabal	3	2			3	2		

Pusda	3	2		3	2
Rohan Kheda	3	2		3	2
Sanjora	3	2		3	2
Tmbha	3	2		3	2
Bhose	8			4	
Baparde	8			4	
Shipur	8			4	

Figure 6. Staff distribution of Selected GPs of Maharashtra



Human Resource Distribution in Gram Panchayats of Odisha

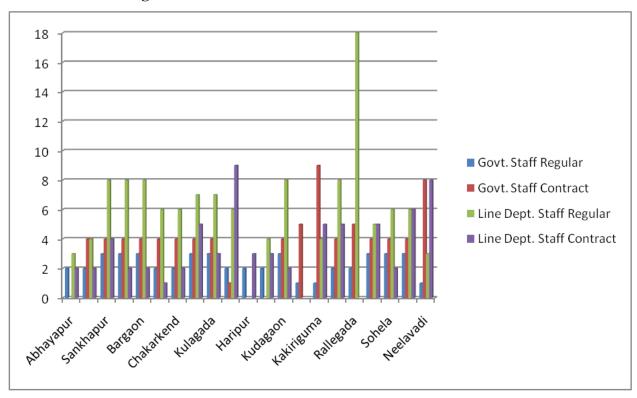
- A Panchayat Executive Officer is present for the coordination of administration of gram panchayat
- Panchayat Executive Officer- Overall coordination of GP Administration, GRS,
 SEM, Supply Assistant, Peon /Night Watcher, JE / GPTA, Extension Officer and the
 HR position provided by other departments, agencies, missions, schemes
- It includes the Gram Panchayat Level Functionaries are like, AWW, ASHA, VAW, Livestock Inspector, Teacher, Forester ,GPTA ,JE(RWSS) ,CRCC ,ANM ,GRS ,Prani Mitra , Krushi Mitra , MBK.

Table 34: No. of Staff in selected GPs of Odisha

Panchayat	Govt. Staf	f	Line Dept. Staff		
1 anchayat	Regular	Contract	Regular	Contract	
Abhayapur	2		3	2	
Amithi	2	4	4	2	
Sankhapur	3	4	8	4	
Balianta	3	4	8	2	
Bargaon	3	4	8	2	
Sukuda	2	4	6	1	
Chakarkend	2	4	6	2	
Tileibani	3	4	7	5	
Kulagada	3	4	7	3	
Pindapadar	2	1	6	9	
Haripur	2			3	
Kumarpur	2		4	3	
Kudagaon	3	4	8	2	

Puranapani	1	5		
Kakiriguma	1	9	4	5
Raghunathpur	2	4	8	5
Rallegada	2	5	18	
Sonepur	3	4	5	5
Sohela	3	4	6	2
Sundargarh	3	4	6	6
Neelavadi	1	8	3	8

Figure 6. Staff distribution of Selected GPs of Odisha



Human Resource Distribution in Gram Panchayats of Tamil Nadu

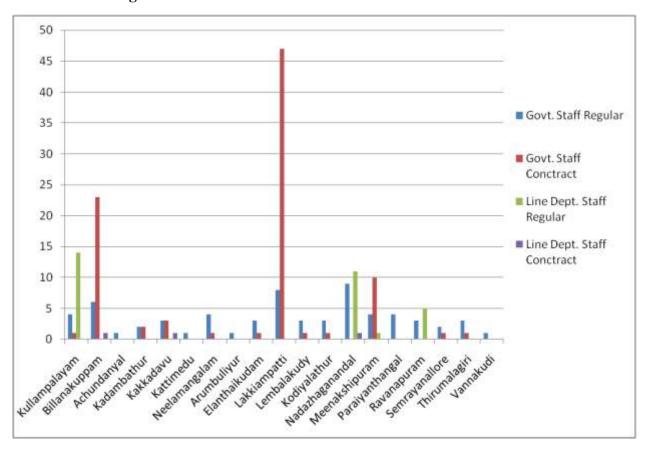
- The head of the Gram Panchayat is President. Minimum qualification of President is 10th and Secretary is 12th but in some cases minimum qualification of 10th is also there.
- Coordinator for MGNREGS works does the coordination at village panchayat
- Panchayat OHT Operator, Panchayat Sweeper, Thooimai Kavalarkal, PLF, Village
 Health Nurse, PDS Keeper, Veterinary Doctor, Anganwadi Teacher, Anganwadi
 Helper, Assistant Agriculture Officer, Wire men, Fitter, School Teacher, Noon meals
 Organizer, Noon meals Cook, Noon meals Cook Assistance, Village Administrative
 Officer, Village assistant, Librarian are the job roles in Panchayat in the State

Table 35: No. of Staff in selected GPs of Tamil Nadu

Panchayat	Govt. Staff		Non-Gov	t. Staff	Line Dept. Staff	
1 anchayat	Regular	Contract	Regular	Contract	Regular	Contract
Kullampalayam	4	1			14	
Billanakuppam	6	23				1
Achundanyal	1					
Kadambathur	2	2				
Kakkadavu	3	3				1
Kattimedu	1					
Neelamangalam	4	1				
Arumbuliyur	1					
Elanthaikudam	3	1				
Lakkiampatti	8	47				
Lembalakudy	3	1				
Kodiyalathur	3	1				
Nadazhaganandal	9				11	1
Meenakshipuram	4	10			1	

Paraiyanthangal	4				
Ravanapuram	3			5	
Semrayanallore	2	1			
Thirumalagiri	3	1			
Vannakudi	1				

Figure 8. Staff distribution of Selected GPs of Tamil Nadu



In consolidation, the average HR available in the GPs coming under different groups is as follows:

Table 36 - Average Number of HR in GPs Coming Under Each Group

Group	No. of Employees (Average)
Group 1	7.38
Group 2	10.05
Group 3	15.43
Group 4	17.78

Figure 9 - Average Number of HR in GPs Coming Under Each Group

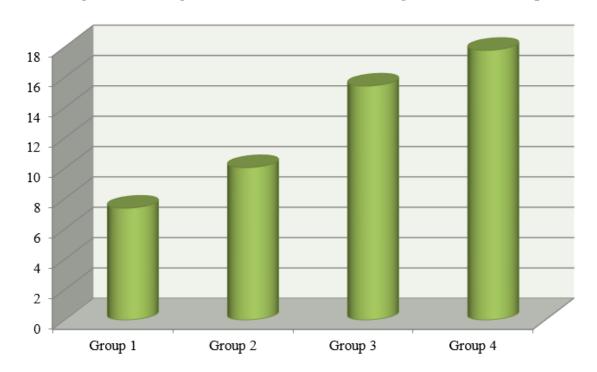


Table 12 and the corresponding Figure 9 indicate that the distribution of officials in the GPs is not following scientific norms. Those GPs with a population above 10000 are having the lesser HR availability (considering the population size) when compared to the GPs having low population. It is clear that the workload of the officials in the GPs with higher population will be much higher than in the GPs having lower population. If there is not enough HR to deal with this workload, this may cause a decrease in the quality of their service.

Part B

NATURE OF FUNCTIONS AND TASKS

The nature of the works of each official in the GPs were analysed and can be consolidated as below for the selected states for in depth analysis.

Assam

The key duties and responsibilities of the panchayat secretaries in the state are as follows,

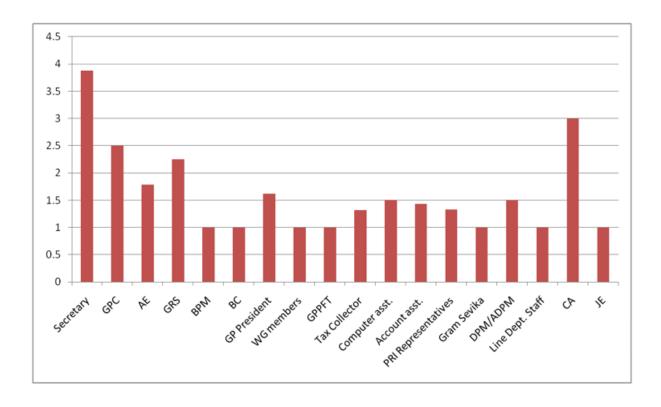
- Perform and exercise all the powers and duties imposed or conferred upon him/her by or under the act, any rules or bye-laws made thereunder
- Overall responsible for the functioning of the Panchayat.
- Responsible for proper coordination with related stakeholders.
- Responsible for the proper implementation of different projects/schemes as granted by the Government.
- Overall responsible for financial transactions as incurred in the panchayat etc.
- Performs accounts and finance-related works
- Conducting gram sabhas, GPDP formulation, social audits, awareness programmes,
 Certificate issues, etc.
- The Gram Panchayat coordinator (GPC) will be implementing the Finance Commission grant and looking after all the assignments entrusted by the Gram Panchayat Secretary.
- The Accredited Engineers (AE) of the panchayats will be also looking after the implementation of MGNREGS and looking after all the assignments entrusted by the Gram Panchayat Secretary and will be having a diploma in civil engineering.
- The GPs are having association with the Line Departments for the implementation of different programmes such as
 - Health awareness camp with Health department, etc
 - Awareness programme on agriculture-related issues with the Agriculture department, etc
 - Selection of GPDP eligible beneficiaries for PDS, etc
 - Conduct periodical meetings with Anganwadi workers/Supervisor on child care issues for Social Welfare, etc
 - Conduct periodical meetings with the Veterinary department.

- Awareness meeting with pregnant women/Adolescent girls with the Women and Child department, etc
- MGNREGS, NSAP, PMAY-G. Central Finance Commission programmes with Rural Development Department
- Assist School Management Committee in various education-related issues
- JJM, PWSS, CMSC, Water Testing, Solid and Liquid Waste Management etc under PHE Department

Table 37. Average Cumulative Score of Workload of Each Officials in the GPs in Assam

Designation	Score
Secretary	3.88
GPC	2.50
AE	1.78
GRS	2.25
BPM	1.00
BC	1.00
GP President	1.62
WG members	1.00
GPPFT	1.00
Tax Collector	1.32
Computer asst.	1.50
Account asst.	1.43
PRI Representatives	1.33
Gram Sevika	1.00
DPM/ADPM	1.50
Line Dept. Staff	1.00
CA	3.00
JE	1.00

Figure 10. Average Cumulative Score of Workload of Each Officials in the GPs in Assam

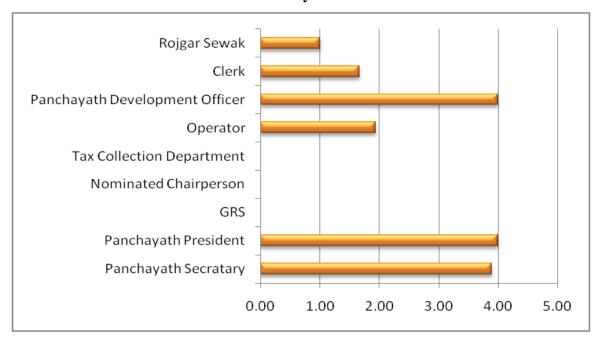


Madhya Pradesh

Table 38. Average Cumulative Score of Workload of Each Officials in the GPs in Madhya Pradesh

Designation	Panchayath Secratary	Panchayath President	GRS	Nominated Chairperson	Tax Collection Department	Operator	Panchayath Development Officer	Clerk	Rojgar Sewak
Score	3.9	4	0	0	0	1.93	4	1.67	1

Figure 11. Average Cumulative Score of Workload of Each Officials in the GPs in Madhya Pradesh



Maharashtra

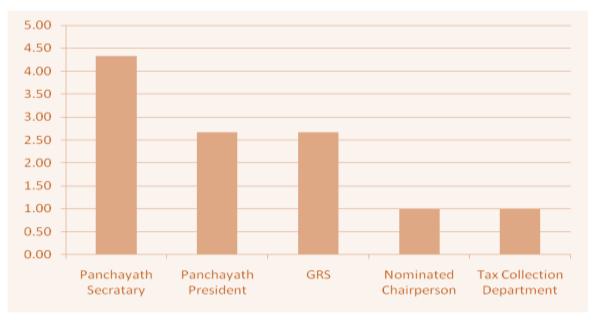
- Major Duties/Responsibilities of Gram Sevak are as per Maharashtra Zilla Parishad and Panchayat Samiti Act 1961. Also, Maharashtra Act 1958 and Gram Panchayat Accounts Code 2011. There are around 15 duties/responsibilities under this.
- The function of the clerk is keeping gram panchayat records updated, collection of various taxes of GP and the salary is being paid by the Gram Panchayat and the Panchayat has the power to monitor their work, measure and recommend their performance.
- The water supply worker is a panchayat's own staff who gets paid by the Gram
 Panchayat and it is a regular post with the Gram Panchayat having the power to
 measure and recommend the performance.
- The functions of the water supply worker are maintaining street lights, providing clean drinking water to all the families within the village limits, maintaining cleanliness in the source of drinking water, Geo-fencing drinking water sources, sending water samples from drinking water sources to laboratories for testing and so on.
- The functions of the peon are to strictly follow the instructions and orders given by the Panchayat and Gram sevaks or senior officials from time to time, keep the office clean and tidy, published all notices to know the needs of the people
- Clearing dry and wet garbage from public roads, premises, schools, village houses, cleaning public toilets, educating the people of the village not to throw garbage in the open is done by the cleaners in the Gram Panchayat.
- The Rozgar Sevak works in carrying out MREGS related works and they help in updating records. They are paid for the work done.
- The teacher in the Zilla Parishad is a regular staff, paid by the Zilla Parishad to educate children above 6 years of age and finding out-of-school children and admitting them to school, providing education to all eligible children in the village as per their right to education.
- The Anganwadis maid of the Zilla Parishad (ICDS) functions in educating children under 3 to 6 years of age, conducting surveys of pregnant and lactating mothers, providing them with necessary government facilities, searching for malnourished

- children in the village, checking the haemoglobin of adolescent girls and vaccinating the children in the village.
- The health officer in Zilla Parishad offers free medical aid to the people. The health officer is paid by the Zilla Parishad.
- The Animal Husbandry officer provides free treatment to the village animals and they are being paid by the Zilla Parishad.

Table 39. Average Cumulative Score of Workload of Each Officials in the GPs in Maharashtra

Designation	Panchayath Secratary	Panchayath President	GRS	Nominated Chairperson	Tax Collection Department
Score	4.33	2.67	2.67	1	1

Figure 12. Average Cumulative Score of Workload of Each Officials in the GPs in Maharashtra



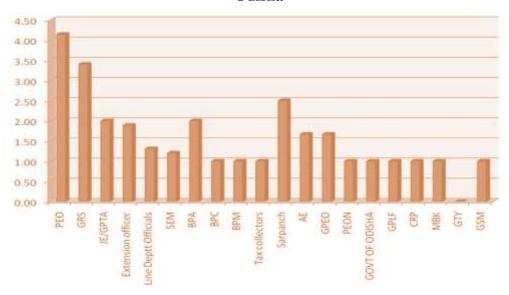
Odisha

Activities are to Conduct of Panchayat Meetings, Management of accounts and finance, GP/DP formulation, LSDG related activities, Networking with departments, Communicating for the management of IT/Software related activities, PFMS Management, Conduct of Gram Sabha, Regulatory activity, if any, Management of MGNREGS, Management of other flagship progress activities like NRLMS, PMAY Others, Management of records, Issuing Certificates, Birth and death register management if it is done by panchayat, Asset management, Tax Collection, Disaster management.

Table 40. Average Cumulative Score of Workload of Each Officials in the GPs in Odisha

Designation	PEO	GRS	JE/GPTA	Extension officer	Line Deptt Officials	SEM	BPA	BPC	BPM	Tax collectors	Sarpanch	AE	GPEO	PEON	Govt Of Odisha	GPLF	CRP	MBK	GTY	GSM
Score	4.14	3.4	2	1.89	1.31	1.2	2	1	1	1	2.5	1.67	1.67	1	1	1	1	1	0	1

Figure 13. Average Cumulative Score of Workload of Each Officials in the GPs in Odisha



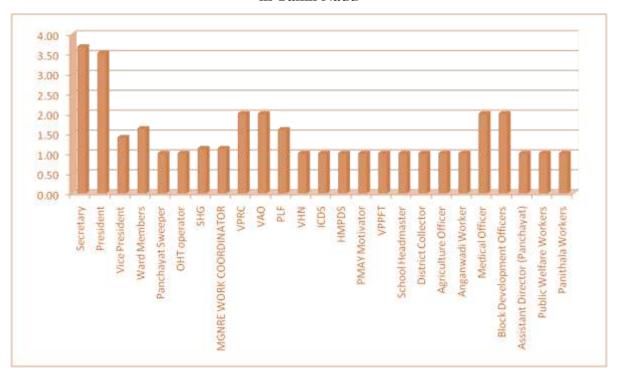
Tamil Nadu

- The following duties are performed by President of the Panchayat
 - Conduct Panchayat Committee meetings
 - ➤ Conduct Gram Sabha meetings
 - Creation of Water Supply sources and supplies
 - ➤ Village Roads improvement and maintenance
 - Providing Street lights and Maintenances
- In the absence of the President, the Vice President will be responsible for performing all the duties of the President.
- The following duties are performed by Secretary of the Panchayat
 - > Tax Collections
 - ➤ Panchayat Registers maintenance
 - Arrangements of Panchayat committee meetings and Gram Sabha meetings
 - ➤ Despatch of Resolution copy to the Head offices
 - > Reporting to the Head offices
 - ➤ Assist the President in the implementation of central and state government schemes
 - > Preparing the Budget of Panchayat
 - ➤ All Writing works of the Panchayat
 - > Preparing Baseline data to implementation the schemes
 - ➤ Other duties assigned by the Government and District Collector
- The following duties are performed by ward member of the Panchayat
 - ➤ Attending village panchayat meetings
 - Monitor all project work in their ward

Table 41. Average Cumulative Score of Workload of Each Officials in the GPs in Tamil Nadu

Designation	Secretary	President	Vice President	Ward Members	Panchayat Sweeper	OHT operator	SHG	Mgnre Work Coordinator	VPRC	VAO	PLF	VHV	ICDS	HMPDS	PMAY Motivator	VPPFT	School Headmaster	District Collector	Agriculture Officer	Anganwadi Worker	Medical Officer	Block Development Officers	Assistant Director (Panchayat)	Public Welfare Workers	Panithala Workers
Score	3.68	3.53	1.4	1.63	1	1	1.13	1.13	2	2	1.6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1

Figure 14. Average Cumulative Score of Workload of Each Officials in the GPs in Tamil Nadu



The data from different states shows that the designation and number of officials differs from state to state or GPs to GPs. This itself indicates the need of making a uniformity in the posts/designations over the GPs of the country. The functions of the officials can be broadly classified as General Administration, Developmental and Supportive. A summary of the workload of the officials is presented in 18.

Table 42: Consolidation of the Workload of the Officials of GPs under Each Group

Group	Panchayat President	Secretary	Technical Assistants	Tax Collector	Nominated Member	GRS
Group 1	3.335	4.115	0.965	0.5	0.5	1.335
Group 2	3.53	3.68	1	1	1.63	1.13
Group 3	1.25	4.14	2	1	1	3.4
Group 4	1.62	3.88	1.5	1.32	1	2.25

Figure 15: Consolidation of the Workload of the Officials of GPs Under Each Group

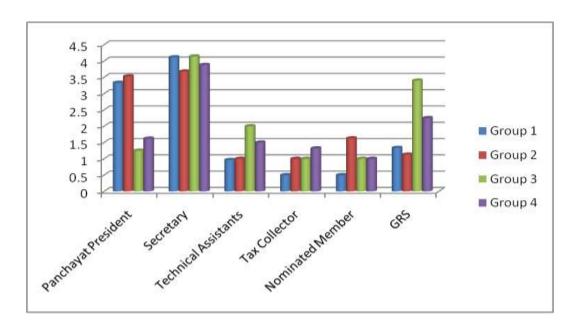


Table 18 and Graphical representation (Figure 15) shows the workload of each official is not having a uniformity in terms of designation as well as in terms of population of the concerned

GPs. The analysis points out the need for decentralization of the workload. This also points out the need of allocating officials in accordance with the population rate of the GPs.

The issues related to the existing programme staff includes:

- 1. Multiplicity of cadres that is not warranted by nature of work and skill sets; no standardized job profiles.
- 2. Variance observed between desired and suggested skill sets and actual skill sets.
- Wide variation across States in terms of engagement qualification and mode of recruitment, duration, remuneration, travel allowances and other conditions for similar cadres.
- 4. Ad hoc engagement, often for discontinuous periods, leading to attrition.
- 5. Performance outputs are not clearly defined for all and there is no systematic monitoring.
- 6. Non-accountability of State cadre and scheme functionaries to Panchayats.
- 7. Remuneration not being linked to performance outcomes.
- 8. Delayed payment of remuneration and reimbursement of travel cost.
- 9. No additional remuneration paid by other departments for additional work.
- 10. Variation in remuneration leading to migration of employees from one State to another; sometimes between one scheme to another.
- 11. Potential risk of demand for regularization.

Part C

DIGITAL LITERACY OF OFFICIALS IN SELECTED GPS

Panchayats play a very critical role in delivery of Rural Development services under various programmes of the Central and the State governments like the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, PMAY-G, SBM (G), NSAP, DDU-GKY etc. The services are either delivered directly by the Panchayats or they provide critical support in delivering the services to the people. Management of these programmes and monitoring the benefits that are reaching the people are becoming increasingly dependent on application of various Information and Communication Technology (ICT) applications. These provide multiple advantages like standardizing the work flow and making transactions faster and more accurate. Since only authorized persons can enter data, there is an automatic record of what has been done, by whom and when, leaving a clear audit trail for easier accountability and efficiency. Therefore, the services can be improved and delivered faster with little human interface. Keeping accounts and management of finance as well as integrating all financial transactions, keeping records and analysis of financial performances have become much easier and faster with the use of ICT. Such applications also reduce the burden of work leading to efficient use of human resources. It is possible to assess the performance of every worker and provide decision- support tools for planning, measuring services delivered and addressing grievances more efficiently. Further, monitoring becomes much easier and the system can generate early warning against possible failures. It is possible to conduct spatial analysis and map assets using GIS. Access to information through a webbased system enhances transparency. ICT driven MIS helps to achieve easier internalization of performance across regions and over time by using a dashboard. This makes the management of programmes more efficient. Adoption of ICT applications not only improves services delivered by the GPs as an agent of the higher tiers of Government but also helps to improve institutional functioning and delivery of their own services. In fact, effective and efficient functioning of the Panchayats depends on their capability in using ICT in the management of institutional processes related to rule-based functioning, decision making processes related to planning and execution of works, handling of finances and keeping accounts, monitoring progress and exchanging information with the citizen.

This study tried to understand the human resources of GPs having digital skills needed for the smooth execution of the ICT enabled administrative work.

Table 43: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs of Assam

Panchayat	Total No. of Staff	No. of Computer Literate	Percentage
Amguri Gaon Panchayat	5	1	20
Arimatta GP	8	0	0
Azarbari GP	5	0	0
Bahari GP	6	4	66.67
Belsor GP	6	0	0
Bidyapur GP	6	0	0
Boraibari GP	7	1	14.29
Borholla GP	6	2	33.33
Darangiri GP	5	1	20
Dhula GP	7	1	14.29
Doidam GP	5	2	40
Dumuria GP	6	1	16.67
Jagiroad GP	6	1	16.67
Lalamukh GP	4	0	0
Maijan GP	6	2	33.33
Majirgaon GP	6	3	50
Namtiali GP	5	0	0
Niz Laluk GP	4	0	0
Pabhoi GP	5	1	20
Panighat GP	4	0	0
Phuloguri GP	5	1	20

Rajapukhuri GP	5	2	40
Ratanpur GP	6	3	50
Simen Chapori GP	6	1	16.67
Sonapur GP	4	0	0
Sriram GP	5	4	80

Figure 16: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs of Assam

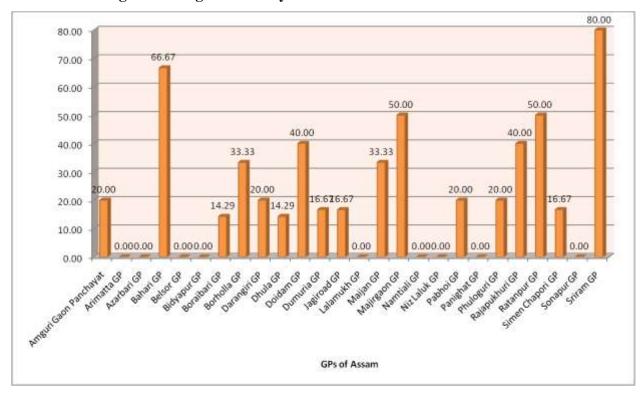


Table 44: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs of Madhya Pradesh

Panchayat	Total No. of Staff	No. of Computer Literate	Percentage
Tateksa	2	1	50
Karthua	2	1	50
Imlai	2	1	50
Sugwan	2	1	50
Simra 1	2	1	50
Hathkuri	2	1	50
Sanwada	2	1	50
Piprodakhurd	2	1	50
Khejra	2	1	50

Figure 17: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs of Madhya Pradesh

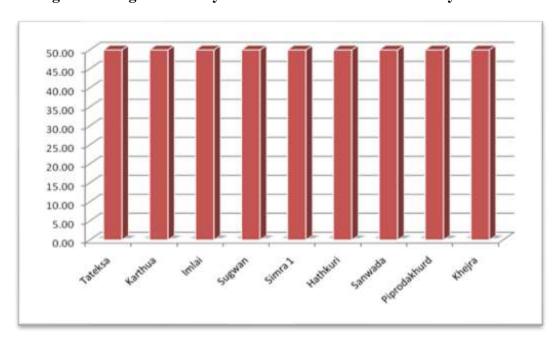


Table 45: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs of Maharashtra

Panchayat	Total No. of Staff	No.of Computer Literate	Percentage
Gopalpur (Amaravathi)	5	1	20
Chas Nagar	4	1	25
Karnoor	5	1	20
Kasaba sangao Kagal	5	1	20
Bhorwadi	4	1	25
Akolner	4	1	25
Shilapur	4	1	25
Pimpri sayyed	4	1	25
Odha	4	1	25
Lakhalgoan	4	1	25
Kotamgaon	4	1	25
Pimple gaon	4	1	25
Vhnnurkagal	4	1	25
Gopalpur(Solapur)	5	1	20
Mouje sangao Kagal	4	1	25
Dhamarin	5	1	20
Kamargaon	5	1	20
Kendur	5	1	20
Anandkhede	5	1	20
Kurud	5	1	20
Kaundane	4	1	25
Nandura	4	1	25
Pabal	5	1	20

Pusda	5	1	20
Rohan Kheda	5	1	20
Sanjora	5	1	20
Tmbha	5	1	20
Bhose	8	1	12.5
Baparde	8	1	12.5
Shipur	8	1	12.5

Figure 18: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs of Maharashtra

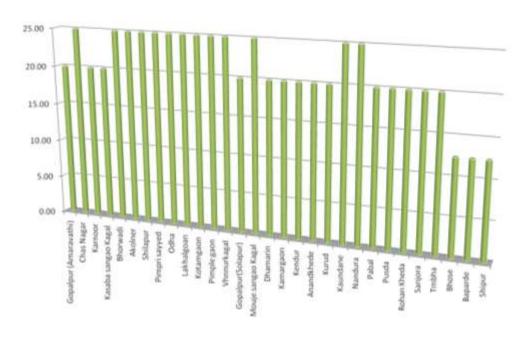


Table 46: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs of Odisha

Danahayat	Total No. of Staff	No. of Computer Literate	Domontogo
Panchayat Abhayapur	2	No. of Computer Literate 2	Percentage 100
Amithi	6	4	2
Sankhapur	7	4	57.14
Balianta	7	5	71.43
Bargaon	7	5	71.43
Sukuda	6	4	66.67
Chakarkend	6	4	66.67
Tileibani	7	5	71.43
Kulagada	7	5	71.43
Pindapadar	3	2	66.67
Haripur	2	2	100
Kumarpur	2	1	50
Kudagaon	7	5	71.43
Puranapani	6	4	66.67
Kakiriguma	10	1	10
Raghunathpur	6	2	33.33
Rallegada	7	3	42.86
Sonepur	7	5	71.43
Sohela	7	5	71.43
Sundargarh	7	5	71.43
Neelavadi	9	3	33.33

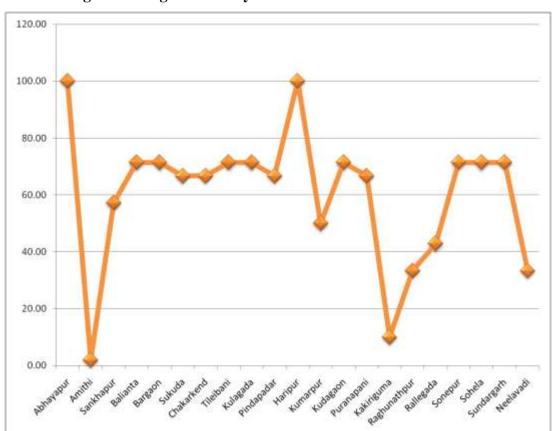


Figure 19: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs of Odisha

Table 47: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs of Tamil Nadu

Panchayat	No. of Computer		
	Total No. of Staff	Literate	Percentage
Kullampalayam	5	0	0
Billanakuppam	29	1	3.44
Achundanyal	1	1	100
Kadambathur	4	0	0
Kakkadavu	6	1	16.66
Kattimedu	1	1	100
Neelamangalam	5	0	0
Arumbuliyur	1	1	100
Elanthaikudam	4	1	25
Lakkiampatti	55	1	1.81
Lembalakudy	4	0	0
Kodiyalathur	4	0	0
Nadazhaganandal	9	1	11.11
Meenakshipuram	14	1	7.14
Paraiyanthangal	4	0	0
Ravanapuram	3	2	66.66
Semrayanallore	3	1	33.3
Thirumalagiri	4	0	0
Vannakudi	1	1	100

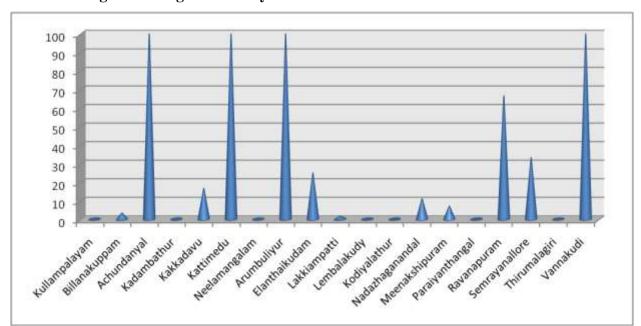


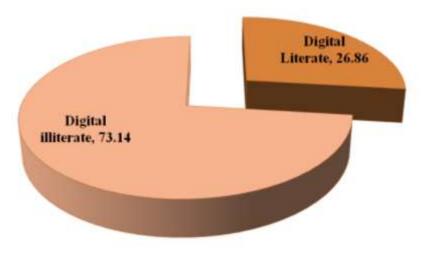
Figure 20: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs of Tamil Nadu

For this study the data were obtained from 105 Gram Panchayats. While considering the entire officials of the selected GPs, the percentage of digital literacy is as given in Table 24.

Table 48: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs

	Digital Literate	Digital illiterate	Total no. of Officials in Selected GPs
Number	159	433	592
Percentage	26.86	73.14	100

Figure 21: Digital Literacy Rate of Officials of GPs



Part D

ANALYSIS OF SALARY FOR HR IN GRAM PANCHAYATS

It is important to analyse the present salary details received by the officials of Gram Panchayat so as to study whether there is any need of revising the payments in accordance with their duties and work load. The salary details received from the States are tabulated and discussed further.

Table 49: Salary of Panchayat Development Officer/Secretary of Equivalent Position

Panchayat Development officer/Secretary or equivalent position	
Odisha	45000
Bihar	50000
Tripura	65000
Assam	70000
Uttar Pradesh	45000
Nagaland	1000
Jharkhand	19500
Manipur	NA
Maharashtra	70000
Mizoram	20000
Arunachal Pradesh	NA
Himachal Pradesh	7,800
Meghalaya	NA
Tamil Nadu	NA
Uttarakhand	40000
UT Ladakh	30000
UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	NA
Punjab	35000

Karnataka	50000
Sikkim	42000
Gujarat	19950
West Bengal	NA
Andhra Pradesh	35000
Madhya Pradesh	25000

The salary of the Panchayat Development Officer/secretary is found to be varying from state to state. It ranges from 7800 to 70000.

Figure 22: Salary Range of Panchayat Development Officer/Secretary

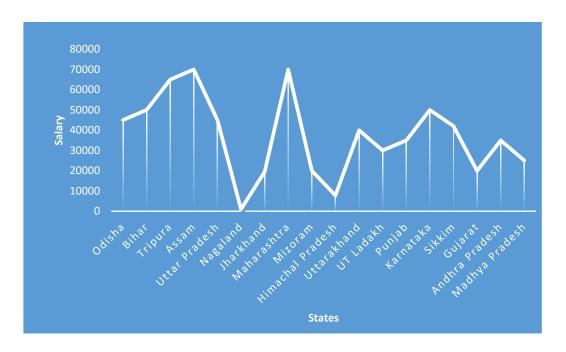
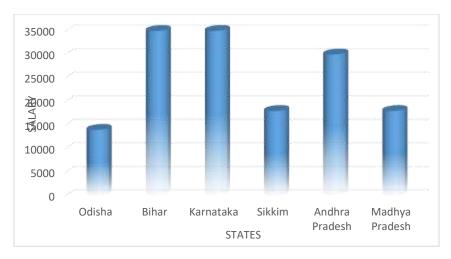


Table 50: Salary of Assistant Secretary or Equivalent Position

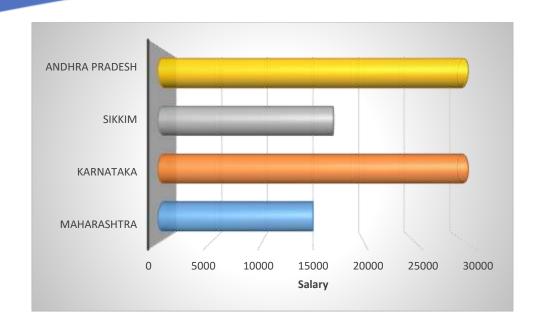
Assistant Secretary or equivalent position		
States	Salary	
Odisha	14000	
Bihar	35000	
Tripura	NA	
Assam	NA	

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Karnataka35000Sikkim18000GujaratNAWest BengalNAAndhra Pradesh30000	UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	NA
Sikkim18000GujaratNAWest BengalNAAndhra Pradesh30000	Punjab	NA
GujaratNAWest BengalNAAndhra Pradesh30000	Karnataka	35000
West Bengal NA Andhra Pradesh 30000	Sikkim	18000
Andhra Pradesh 30000	Gujarat	NA
	West Bengal	NA
Madhya Pradesh 18000	Andhra Pradesh	30000
,	Madhya Pradesh	18000

The salary for the post of Assistant secretary ranges from 14000 to 35000, reports the sample states.



Junior Clerk or Equivalent Position		
States	Salary	
Odisha	NA	
Bihar	NA	
Tripura	NA	
Assam	NA	
Uttar Pradesh	NA	
Nagaland	NA	
Jharkhand	NA	
Manipur	NA	
Maharashtra	15000	
Mizoram	NA	
Arunachal Pradesh	NA	
Himachal Pradesh	NA	
Meghalaya	NA	
Tamil Nadu	NA	
Uttarakhand	NA	
UT Ladakh	NA	
UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	NA	
Punjab	NA	
Karnataka	30000	
Sikkim	17000	
Gujarat	NA	
West Bengal	NA	
Andhra Pradesh	30000	
Madhya Pradesh	NA	



Superintendent or other supervisory Position	
States	Salary
Odisha	NA
Bihar	55000
Tripura	NA
Assam	NA
Uttar Pradesh	NA
Nagaland	NA
Jharkhand	NA
Manipur	NA
Maharashtra	NA
Mizoram	NA
Arunachal Pradesh	NA
Himachal Pradesh	NA
Meghalaya	NA
Tamil Nadu	NA
Uttarakhand	NA

UT Ladakh	NA
UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	NA
Punjab	NA
Karnataka	NA
Sikkim	NA
Gujarat	NA
West Bengal	NA
Andhra Pradesh	NA
Madhya Pradesh	NA

Table 51: Salary of Engineer or Equivalent Position

Engineer or Equivalent Position		
States Sal		
Odisha	35000	
Bihar	112400	
Tripura	NA	
Assam	15000	
Uttar Pradesh	NA	
Nagaland	NA	
Jharkhand	17000	
Manipur	NA	
Maharashtra	NA	
Mizoram	NA	
Arunachal Pradesh	NA	
Himachal Pradesh	25000	
Meghalaya	NA	
Tamil Nadu	NA	

Uttarakhand	NA
UT Ladakh	NA
UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	NA
Punjab	50000
Karnataka	35000
Sikkim	18000
Gujarat	NA
West Bengal	NA
Andhra Pradesh	30000
Madhya Pradesh	40000

As reported by the states, the Engineers are receiving a salary ranging from Rs.25000 - 120000 rupees. We understand that there are no dedicated posts in GPs of those states which have not reported this information. Hence the non-reporting.

Figure 23: Salary Range of Engineer or Equivalent Position

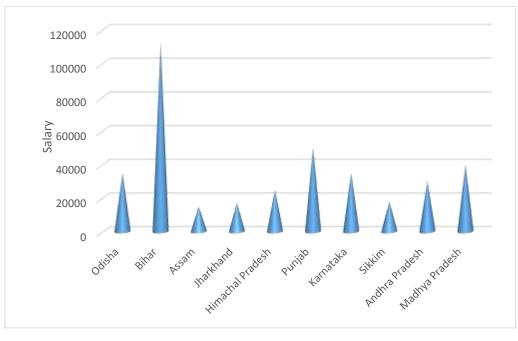


Table 52: Salary of Computer Operator/Technical Assistant or Equivalent Position

States Salary	
Odisha	NA
Bihar	30000
Tripura	NA
Assam	16000
Uttar Pradesh	6000
Nagaland	NA
Jharkhand	10000
Manipur	NA
Maharashtra	12500
Mizoram	NA
Arunachal Pradesh	NA
Himachal Pradesh	NA
Meghalaya	NA
Tamil Nadu	NA
Uttarakhand	NA
UT Ladakh	NA
UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	12000
Punjab	15000
Karnataka	15000
Sikkim	12000
Gujarat	15000
West Bengal	NA
Andhra Pradesh	30000
Madhya Pradesh	15000

Only Tripura and Jharkhand marked the salary offered to the Computer operator or technical assistant in panchayats of these states. It is marked as Rs. 16000 and Rs. 10000 respectively. It is understood that those states whose data ins not available do not have exclusive full-time positions or are not paid on a salary basis.

Figure 24: Salary Range of Computer Operator/Technical Assistant or Equivalent Position

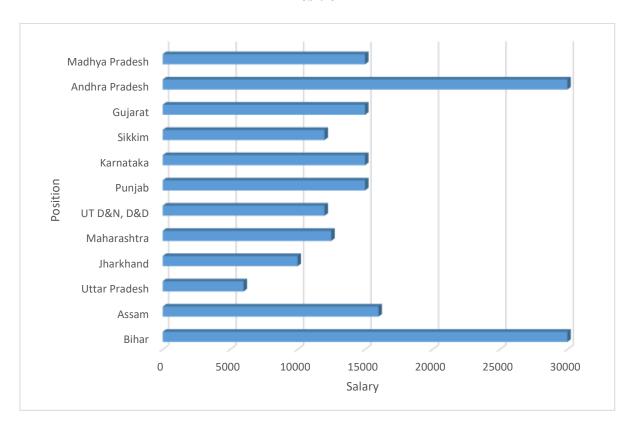


Table 53: Salary of Tax Collector or Equivalent Position

Tax Collector or Equivalent Position	
States	
Odisha	1200
Bihar	NA
Tripura	NA
Assam	35000
Uttar Pradesh	NA

Manipur NA Maharashtra NA Mizoram NA Arunachal Pradesh NA Himachal Pradesh NA Meghalaya NA Tamil Nadu NA Uttarakhand NA UT Ladakh NA UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu NA Punjab 40000 Karnataka 13000 Sikkim NA Gujarat NA West Bengal NA Andhra Pradesh NA	Nagaland	NA
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Karnataka 13000 Sikkim NA Gujarat NA West Bengal NA Andhra Pradesh NA	UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	NA
Sikkim NA Gujarat NA West Bengal NA Andhra Pradesh NA	Punjab	40000
Gujarat NA West Bengal NA Andhra Pradesh NA	Karnataka	13000
West Bengal NA Andhra Pradesh NA	Sikkim	NA
Andhra Pradesh NA	Gujarat	NA
1.12	West Bengal	NA
Madhya Pradesh NA	Andhra Pradesh	NA
	Madhya Pradesh	NA

As per the available data, the salary offered to the personnel occupying the post of Tax collector varies from Rs.1200 to Rs.35000 respectively.

Figure 25: Salary Range of Tax Collector or Equivalent Position

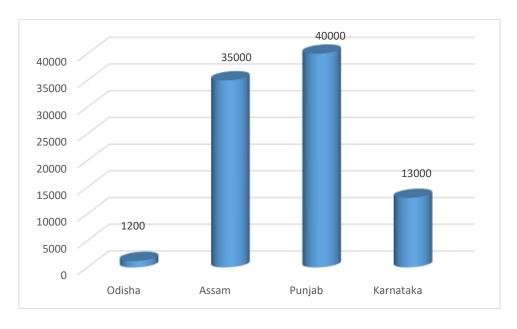


Table 54: Salary of Water Pump Operator or Equivalent Position

Water Pump Operator or I	Equivalent Position
States	Salary
Odisha	4000
Bihar	5000
Tripura	75000
Assam	NA
Uttar Pradesh	NA
Nagaland	NA
Jharkhand	NA
Manipur	NA
Maharashtra	14000
Mizoram	NA
Arunachal Pradesh	NA
Himachal Pradesh	5000
Meghalaya	NA

Tamil Nadu	NA
Uttarakhand	NA
UT Ladakh	NA
UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	8000
Punjab	8000
Karnataka	10000
Sikkim	12000
Gujarat	3000
West Bengal	NA
Andhra Pradesh	10000
Madhya Pradesh	NA

Odisha and Himachal Pradesh reported that Water Pump operator is having a salary of Rs. 4000 and Rs. 5000 respectively.

Figure 26: Salary Range of Water Pump Operator/Equivalent Position

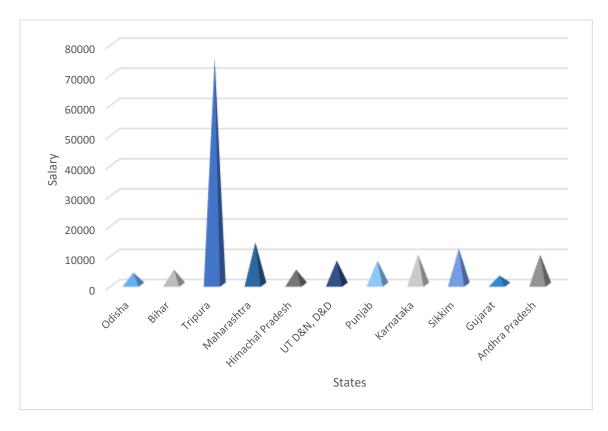


Table 55: Salary of Peon/Office Assistant or Equivalent Position

States	Salary
Odisha	2000
Bihar	20000
Tripura	20000
Assam	23000
Uttar Pradesh	7000
Nagaland	NA
Jharkhand	NA
Manipur	NA
Maharashtra	12000
Mizoram	NA
Arunachal Pradesh	NA
Himachal Pradesh	5000
Meghalaya	NA
Tamil Nadu	NA
Uttarakhand	NA
UT Ladakh	NA
UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	10000
Punjab	NA
Karnataka	10000
Sikkim	NA
Gujarat	NA
West Bengal	NA
Andhra Pradesh	NA
Madhya Pradesh	NA

The above table records that there is a huge variation in terms of salary of Peon or Office assistant in Gram Panchayats of different states. There seems a variation of salary from 7800 to 23000 rupees.

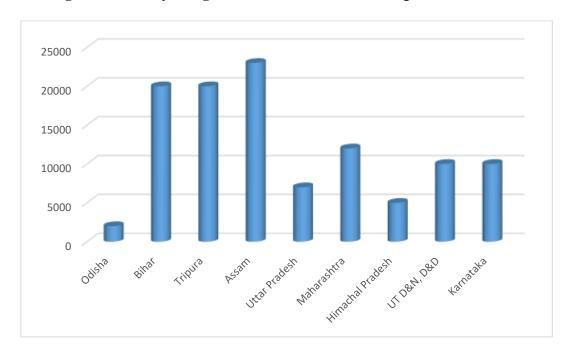


Figure 27: Salary Range of Peon/Office Assistant/Equivalent Position

Table 56: Salary of Cleaning/Health Staff or Equivalent Position

Cleaning /Health Staff or Equivalent Position							
States	Salary						
Odisha	15000						
Bihar	15000						
Tripura	NA						
Assam	NA						
Uttar Pradesh	1900						
Nagaland	NA						
Jharkhand	NA						
Manipur	NA						
Maharashtra	NA						

Mizoram	NA
Arunachal Pradesh	NA
Himachal Pradesh	NA
Meghalaya	NA
Tamil Nadu	NA
Uttarakhand	NA
UT Ladakh	NA
UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	8000
Punjab	5000
Karnataka	10000
Sikkim	9000
Gujarat	NA
West Bengal	NA
Andhra Pradesh	12000
Madhya Pradesh	NA

As per the reports from the states the salary of the cleaning staff is not uniform. It ranges from Rs.1900 to Rs.15000 respectively.

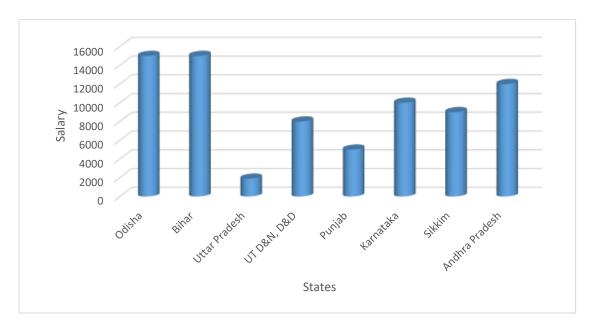


Table 57: Salary of Rojgar Sevak or Equivalent Position

States	Salary
Odisha	7000
Bihar	25000
Tripura	18000
Assam	16000
Uttar Pradesh	10000
Nagaland	NA
Jharkhand	9500
Manipur	NA
Maharashtra	NA
Mizoram	NA
Arunachal Pradesh	NA
Himachal Pradesh	20000
Meghalaya	NA
Tamil Nadu	NA
Uttarakhand	9000
UT Ladakh	NA
UT Dadra&Nagar Haweli, Daman & Diu	NA
Punjab	14000
Karnataka	12000
Sikkim	NA
Gujarat	NA
West Bengal	NA
Andhra Pradesh	10000
Madhya Pradesh	NA

Rojgar Sevak plays a major role in the Panchayats. The salary of the Rojgar Sevak is reported as Rs. 7000 (Odisha), Rs. 12500 (Bihar), Rs. 16000 (Assam), 9500 rupees (Jharkhand) and Rs. 20000 (Himachal Pradesh)

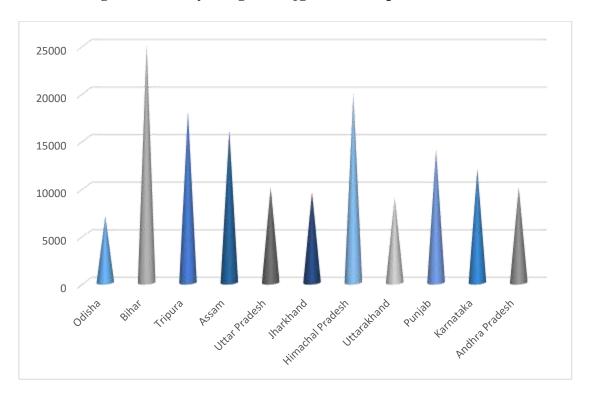


Figure 28: Salary Range of Rojgar Sevak/Equivalent Position

The analysis shows that there is much difference in the salary for same position in each state. Analysis of the salary details for each position was done on the basis of the Population Groups and is presented in Table 34.

Table 58: Salary Level for each position in the states falling into each group

Position	Group	Group	Group	Group
	1	2	3	4
Panchayat Development officer/Secretary or equivalent	7800	45000	25000-	45000
position			70000	
Assistant Secretary or equivalent position	0	0	14000	0
Junior Clerk or equivalent position	0	0	0	0
Senior Clerk or equivalent position	0	0	0	0

Superintendent or other supervisory position or equivalent	0	0	0	0
position				
Engineer or equivalent position	25000	0	35000	35400-
				112400
Overseer or equivalent position	0	0	0	0
Computer Operator/Technical Assistant or equivalent	0	0	10000	16000
position				
Tax Collector or equivalent position	0	0	23000-	1200
			35000	
Water pump operator or equivalent position	5000	0	4000	0
Peon/Office Assistant or equivalent position	5000	7000	2000	23000
Cleaning/Health Staff or equivalent position	0	0	15000	0
Rojgar Sevak or equivalent position	20000	0	8000	16000

The above table clearly states that there are huge variations in the salary offered for same post in the different states. As the duties and responsibilities may be equal, the data denotes the need for taking necessary steps to bring equality in the salary across the country.

Table: 59: Availability of Officials in Each Post in the Selected States

Designation	Odisha	Bihar	Tripura	Assam	Uttar Pradesh	Nagaland	Jharkhand	Manipur	Maharashtra	Mizoram	Arunachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	Meghalaya	Tamil Nadu	Madhya Pradesh
Panchayat															
Development	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×	✓	×	✓	✓
officer/Secretary or	•	V	•	•	•	•	V	^	•	V	*	V	*	V	•
equivalent position															
Assistant Secretary or	√	×	×	×	×	*	*	×	×	×	*	*	×	×	×
equivalent position	V	*	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Junior Clerk or	×	*	×		×	*	×	×	×	×	*	*	×	×	×
equivalent position	*	*	^	×	*	*	*	••	*	••	•	^	*	^	^
Senior Clerk or	×		×	*	×	*	*	×	×	×	*	×	×	*	
equivalent position	*	*	*	×	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	×
Superintendent or															
other supervisory	×	v			×	*	×	×	×	×	*	×	×	×	×
position or equivalent	~	^	~	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
position															
Engineer or equivalent	√	×	×	√	×	*	*	×	*	×	*	√	×	×	×
position	•	~	~	•	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	•	~	~	~
Overseer or equivalent	×	×	×	×	×	*	*	*	*	×	×	*	×	×	×
position	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	•	~	~
Computer															
Operator/Technical	×	✓	✓	✓	×	*	✓	*	✓	×	×	*	×	×	×
Assistant or equivalent	~	•	•	•	^	^	•	^	•	^	^	^	^	^	^
position															

Tax Collector or	√	./	./	./		4	×		√						./
equivalent position	•	✓	✓	✓	×	×	•	×	•	*	*	×	×	×	✓
Water pump operator	√	×	√	v	×	*	×	×	√	*	*	√	×	×	×
or equivalent position	V	^	•	×	~	^	^	^	•	^	^	•	~	•	^
Peon/Office Assistant	√	√	√	./	√	*	×	×	×	*	×	./	×	×	×
or equivalent position	•	•	•	V	V	~	•	*	*	*	*	✓	*	^	^
Cleaning/Health Staff	√	×	√	×	×	*	×	×	×	*	*	×	×	√	×
or equivalent position	•	^	•	^	^	*	*	^	^	^	^	^	*	•	^
Rojgar Sevak or	√	√	√	√	×	*	√	×	×	*	*	√	×	√	√
equivalent position	•	•	•	•	~	~	•	^	^	^	^	•	^	•	•

Table: 60: Comparison of Salary to the Post in the Selected States

Designation	Odisha	Bihar	Tripura	Assam	Uttar Pradesh	Nagaland	Jharkhand	Manipur	Maharashtra	Mizoram	Arunachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	Meghalaya	Tamil Nadu	Madhya Pradesh
Panchayat Development															
officer/Secretary or	45000	25000	NA	70000	45000	NA	19500	NA	NA	20000	NA	7800	NA	NA	NA
equivalent position															
Assistant Secretary or	14000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
equivalent position	14000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	INA	NA	NA	NA	IVA	IVA	NA	NA	NA
Junior Clerk or equivalent	NA	NA	NA	NA	NIA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NIA
position	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	IVA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Senior Clerk or equivalent	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
position	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	IVA	NA	IVA	IVA	NA	NA	NA	IVA	NA
Superintendent or other															
supervisory position or	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
equivalent position															
Engineer or equivalent	25000	120000	NIA	NTA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	25000	NIA	NTA	
position	35000	120000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	25000	NA	NA	×
Overseer or equivalent	NI A	NT A	NIA	NTA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NTA	NIA
position	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Computer															
Operator/Technical	NIA	NIA	NIA	1.6000	NTA	NTA	10000	NIA	NYA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NTA	NTA	NIA
Assistant or equivalent	NA	NA	NA	16000	NA	NA	10000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
position															
Tax Collector or equivalent position	1200	NA	NA	35000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Water pump operator or	4000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5000	NA	NA	NA
equivalent position															
Peon/Office Assistant or	2000	NA	NA	23000	7000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5000	NA	NA	NA
equivalent position															
Cleaning/Health Staff or	15000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
equivalent position															
Rojgar Sevak or equivalent	7000	12500	NA	16000	NA	NA	9500	NA	NA	NA	NA	20000	NA	NA	NA
position															

CHAPTER 3

FUNCTIONING OF STANDING COMMITTEES/ SUBCOMMITTEES

For the smooth functioning of the Gram Panchayats, Standing Committees are formed. The present study tries to understand the extent to which the standing committees contribute to the functioning of GPs

Functioning of Standing Committees in Assam

- There are mainly three standing committees present in a Gram Panchayat which are the Development committee, Social justice committee, and Social welfare committee.
- There is no provision for Subcommittees as per the Assam Panchayat Act 1994.
- Every Gaon Panchayat shall constitute the Standing Committees by election from among the elected members of the Gaon Panchayat.
- Each committee shall consist of not less than three or more than four members including the President or the Vice-President, as the case may be.
- The President of the Gaon Panchayat shall be an Ex-Officio member and Chairman of all three committees.
- The social justice committee shall consist of one member who is a woman and one member belonging to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe as the case may be.
- The Gaon Panchayat shall be competent to co-opt each committee, the members of the Agriculture Field Management Committee, Mahila Samitee, Yubak Samittee, and other similar bodies recognized by the Government such co-option should be decided by the Gaon Panchayat by resolution with majority support.
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Madhya Pradesh

- Standing committees and the General Administration Committee, Construction and Development Committee, Education, Health and Social Welfare Committee.
- And the activities are like, Establishment and management and regulation of markets and fairs other than public markets and public fairs within the Gram Panchayat area.
- To prepare an annual plan for the economic development and social justice of the Panchayat area and submit it to the Janpad Panchayat within the prescribed time to be included in the plan of the Janpad Panchayat.
- To ensure the execution of such schemes, works, projects assigned to the Gram Panchayat by any law or which are assigned to it by the Central or State Government or District Panchayat or Janpad Panchayat.
- To consider applications for establishment of colonies falling within the Gram Panchayat area.
- To exercise control over local plans, resources and expenditure of such plans.
- To coordinate, evaluate and monitor the activities of the committees constituted by the Gram Sabha.
- To reallocate the funds made available by the Central Government or the State Government to the Gram Sabha in accordance with the norms fixed by the Central Government or the State Government in respect of works, schemes and projects related to the functions assigned to the Gram Sabha.

- And the association of the line departments in the Gram Panchayath administrations are,
- Health Ayushman Registration, Health Check-up and Treatment of Diseases.
- Agriculture Beneficiary Selection and Training.
- PDS Food Distribution and Quality Monitoring.
- Social Welfare Pension, Insurance, Benefits Distribution, Rehabilitation to eligible persons.
- Veterinary Vaccination of Pet animals.
- Women and Child Care, Awareness, Vaccination.
- Rural Development SBM-G, PMAY-G, MGNREGA, 15th Finance Commission etc. Permitted Works.
- Education Supervision of PTA and Participation in Benefit Distribution.

Maharashtra

- There are 20 standing committees in the Gram panchayat which includes: Village Agriculture Sanjivani Samiti, Village Child Protection Committee, Village Health Nutrition Water Supply and Sanitation Committee, Village Level Taxation Committee, Committee under Prevention of Child Marriage Act, Disaster Management Committee, Our Village Our Development Village Resource Group, Village Vigilance Committee Ration Shop, Sant Gadgebaba Village Sanitation Committee, Biodiversity Committee, Social Audit Committee, Forest Rights Committee, MGNAREGA SOCIAL AUDIT, Swachh Bharat Mission Monitoring Committee, Panand Road Committee, Birth-Death and Infant Death Registration Control Committee, Watershed Development Committee, Construction Committee, Adoptive Parent Scheme Committee, Sand/Sand Release Committee.
- There are 7 sub committees which are: Beneficiary level Committee, Mahatma Gandhi Tantamukt Village Committee, Forest Committee, Ward Development Committee, School Management Committee, and Construction Committee.
- The standing/subcommittees have non-elected/nominated/elected members which are anganwadi worker, teacher, asha sevika, talathi, agriculture assistant, police patil, ration shopkeeper.

- The number of mandatory meetings of Standing Committees are usually 12 (minimum 4).
- The recommendations of Standing Committees are mandatorily placed in the Panchayat Committee (body of the elected members)

Odisha

- According to the Panchayati Raj Act 7, Numbers of standing committees are functioning under the panchayath systems in Odisha state.
- And the several line departments are held by the socio-economical events under the state panchayath system. They are: Planning, Finance, Anti-poverty programme and Coordination Standing Committee; b. Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Soil Conservation, Horticulture, Watershed Development and Fisheries Standing Committee; c. Works, Irrigation, Electricity, Drinking Water Supply and Rural Sanitation Standing Committee; d. Health, Social Welfare including Women and Child Development Standing Committee; e. Public Distribution System, Welfare of Weaker Section, Forest, Fuel and Fodder Standing Committee; Handicrafts, Cottage Industry, Khadi and Village Industries and Rural Housing Standing Committee; and g. Education, Sports and Culture Standing Committee.

Tamil Nadu

- Appointment Committee, Development Committee, Agricultural and Watershed Ridge Committee, Work Committee, Educational Committee are the main standing committees
- Village Poverty Reduction Committee, Village Water Management Committee, Village Level Child Protection Committee, Bio Diversity Committee, Village Panchayat Planning Facilitation Team are main sub committees

CHAPTER 4

CHALLENGES AND ISSUES FACED IN TERMS OF HR

The study tried to understand the issues which the panchayats are facing in terms of HR management. These are consolidated in this chapter.

- Increased number of contractual employees: most of the plans and schemes have been managed by these contractual employees; they are not part of the HR of the Panchayat in the long run.
- Lack of expertise staff: The lack of potential skill set and the expertise to manage the activities in coherence with the position
- Lack of proper work distribution
- Undertrained staff
- Lack of coordination of various departments
- Lack of timely meeting, feedback and evaluation
- Lack of funds

Assam

- Challenges and issues commonly faced by the Gram Panchayats in Assam in terms of HR management are as follows.
 - The challenges in terms of human resources are faced mainly by contractual employees which are engaged mainly in different schemes.
 - There is no perfect HR policy for contractual employees in the department.
 - Most of the contractual employees are always in search of another secured service as contractual services of the P&RD department are co-terminus with the scheme.
 - There is a need for proper distribution of work among the employees.

Madhya Pradesh

Major challenges faced in terms of human resources for the smooth functioning of the
 GP are: High Material Cost affects Beneficiary Construction Works.

- Citizens deny to work during their own Agriculture Work and Forest Product Collection Works.
- Lack of Expert Staff.
- And the panchayath administration faces the main challenge of standing committees mainly the Lack of Expert Staff and Lack of interest among representatives.

Maharashtra

- i. Lack of government employees while creating a people-oriented system. (Additional burden of two Gram Panchayats to a single Gram Sevak)
- ii. There is no work without politics.
- iii. Interference of relatives in Gram Panchayat functioning
- iv. Gram Sabha has become a political arena.
- v. Undertrained Sarpanch/Member.
- vi. Indifference of Standing Committees
- vii. Indifference of people for tax collection.
- viii. People's representatives not doing their work on time.
- ix. Indifference among people for direct participation in village development.
- x. Indifference of people to pay public subscription for development works.
- xi. Absence of monthly meetings to approve various scheme proposals in Gram Panchayat.
- xii. Non-availability of government scheme criteria in time.
- xiii. Clerical class employees are non-government.
- xiv. Absence of Gram Panchayat Akriti Bandh of at least two employees.

The challenges faced for the smooth functioning of the Standing Committee are as follows:

- i. Indifference of Committee Chairpersons
- ii. Not reviewing the work of the committee, s/he is chairing.
- iii. Lack of coordination of various departments with the Rural Development Department for setting up committees.
- iv. During the establishment of committees of various departments, due to the absence of the staff secretary of the concerned department, the purpose for which the committee is formed in Karnaya is not successful.
- v. People do not cooperate.

The challenges faced by Sub Committee for its smooth functioning are as follows:

- i. Lack of interest in work
- ii. Not conducting regular meetings.
- iii. Not reviewing the work of the committee, he is chairing
- iv. Many committee members who are included due to political influence block the seats without doing any work.
- v. Many committee members have no knowledge of a particular subject of the committee.
- vi. One person (Gram Sevak) cannot be the secretary of multiple committees resulting in inefficiency of the allotted role.
- vii. Committees can suggest ideas but Gram Panchayat has no compulsion of accepting these ideas.

Odisha

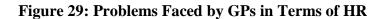
- Major Challenges are faced by the Panchayat administration systems in the Odisha state, More than one lakh PRI members get elected to the 3- tier Panchayati Raj Institutions in the state in every five years. Out of them more than 50% are women PRI members. One of the most challenging tasks is to impart the required knowledge & training to the newly elected PRI representatives who come with varied educational & socio-cultural backgrounds. Involvement of Line Department Officers as co-opted members of the Standing Committees Absence of provisions under Odisha Gram Panchayat Act & Rules for mandatory meetings of the Standing Committees Integration of various committees functioning under different flagship programmes at GP Level with the statutory Standing Committees of the GP.
- Inadequate core GP Functionaries at GP Level to carry out the mandated assignments. Involvement of Line Department Officers in the GP administration for formulation of plan and its implementation. Coordination among different Departments / Schemes / Funds for effective convergence. Mobilization of the local community for better participation in the Gram Sabha. Absence of dedicated institutional framework for providing handholding support to GP with regards to preparation of plan. Proper monitoring of development

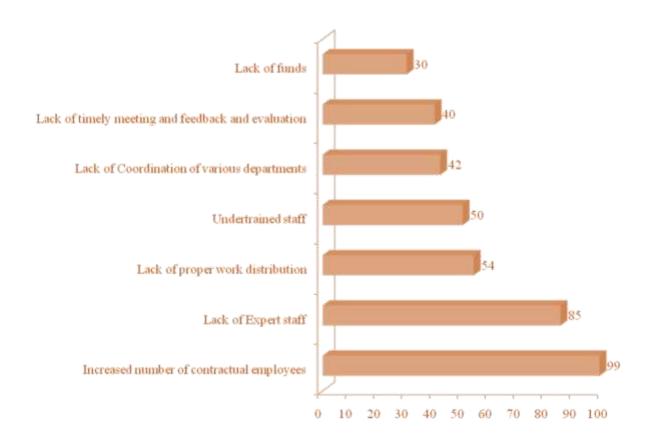
activities for ensuring quality implementation of schemes and programmes.

Tamil Nadu

- Major challenges in terms of human resources for the smooth functioning of the GP
 - o Insufficient Technical Staff like computer operators in regular roles.
 - Need to increase regular staff in the OHT operator category for the effective water supply.
 - Need to increase sanitation staff in the panchayat.
 - o Need to increase SWM Thoomai Kavalargal Salary.
 - o Delay in crediting salary for the staff at village panchayat level.
- Major challenges in terms of human resources for the smooth functioning of the Standing Committee
 - Lot of coordinating issue among the elected members and non-elected/nominated members in the standing committees
 - o Lack of funds to implement the standing committees recommendations
- Major challenges in terms of human resources for the smooth functioning of the Subcommittee
 - o Lack of availability of funds for the working of sub committees.
 - Lack of coordination between the members.

Almost all the gram panchayats listed out many problems they face in terms of human resources. Standing committee also pointed out many issues they face on account of human resource availability in the GPs. (Figure 29)





CHAPTER 5

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES IN GPs

Capacity building means much more than training. It includes human resources, processes and systems. It implies development of capacities of individuals as well as of the institutions and the environment in which they function. In addition to appropriate knowledge, skills, values and attitudes, it includes the ability to foster systems, structures, leadership and an enabling environment that can optimally use the available human resources to achieve the desired outcomes.

The collected data points out the below listed activities as the Capacity building programmes taking place in the selected states.

- Various training programmes are offered to the officials and other stakeholders of the Gram Panchayats which include JJM, OSR and budget, SDG, RP programmes, GPDP, Panchayat Raj Award, etc.
- The SIPRD will review each training.
- The GPs are having association with the Line Departments for the implementation of different programmes such as
 - Health awareness camp with Health department, etc
 - Awareness programme on agriculture-related issues with the Agriculture department, etc
 - Selection of GPDP eligible beneficiaries for PDS, etc
 - Conduct periodical meetings with Anganwadi workers/Supervisor on child care issues for Social Welfare, etc
 - Conduct periodical meetings with the Veterinary department.
 - Awareness meeting with pregnant women/Adolescent girls with the Women and Child department, etc
 - MGNREGS, NSAP, PMAY-G. Central Finance Commission programmes with Rural Development Department
 - Assist School Management Committee in various education-related issues
 - JJM, PWSS, CMSC, Water Testing, Solid and Liquid Waste Management etc under PHE Department

- The RGSA provides block level training; in block/zilla parishad level, basic training for sarpanch and other members in the GP is conducted; basic training for gram sevaks and village level staff are also conducted.
- GPDP training is provided to all Sarpanch/Upasarpanch/Anganwadi Sevika/Asha Sevaki/Teachers/Health workers. The training helps in preparing the GPDP plan and makes the plan effective. It also helps to fill up the evaluation form.
- A few SIRDs arrange all the training for Sarpanch, Upa Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat members. Hence knowledge enhancement becomes effective while any project or program is being implemented.
- Health camps, farmers meetings, vigilance committees, distribution of materials for disabled people, vaccination, women gathering, Gram Sabha, parents meeting, awareness of separation of wet waste from solid etc are conducted by the respective departments.

Recommendations on Capacity Building

It is equally important to build the capacity of officials and elected representatives of Panchayats. Simultaneously, it is also necessary to convert Panchayats into capable organizations which perform functions entrusted to them efficiently and deliver results. Building capacity would enable individuals to improve their competence and work efficiency. This report has not focussed on capacity building as there are other committees and reports to look in this matter. We have only included a few insights we received while working on the Human Resources Study.

- All the existing Secretaries of GPs should be trained to enable them to achieve the competencies required for discharging their responsibilities. This could include formal certification through distance / online education.
- The new Secretaries of Panchayats should be put through a rigorous induction training for at least six months.
- The GPs need to be given additional skills to enable them to function as technical assistants. The modules developed by MoRD with the technical assistance of ILO could form the core course material. This can be supplemented with material related to water supply and sanitation.
- SHGs used for outsourcing should be trained for the tasks they are expected to perform.

- Capacity of the CRPs engaged in social audit, accounting and IT related work should be strengthened in their areas of work preferably through a proper certification process.
- The functionaries should be equipped to leverage the benefit of "SECURE" software for automation of engineering works and other ICT applications relevant to the sector.
- All the functionaries should be skilled in basic IT functions.
- Special training on convergence needs to be organized for various functionaries including PR representatives.
- Special capacity building on the approach to achieve SDGs should be provided for various functionaries.
- The quality monitors should also be appropriately trained at the SIRD & PR. The modules may be developed in collaboration with a reputed technical agency.
- The capacity building framework should identify the target groups, conduct training need assessment in line with the recommendations of this committee, formulate additional themes in addition to the existing areas, organize capacity building through cascading mode, create National Resource Persons, partner with other Institutions and ensure high quality training for effective functioning of various functionaries under the overall ambit of the Panchayat system. In order to meet this gigantic task, institutional strengthening and adequate funding arrangements are also essential.
- The leaders of VOs of SHGs need to be specially trained on the roles and responsibilities of GPs and the means of working in partnership with them. They should also be trained to enable them to perform the tasks which may be outsourced to them by the Panchayats.
- Employees on contract, particularly those related to engineering, need to be adequately trained.
- The members of the Functional Committees and Standing Committees have to be equipped to play their expected roles.
- Joint training of elected representatives and officials needs to be encouraged.
- Institutions and staff expected to provide support to Panchayats should be imparted adequate training on the modalities of support and sensitized on the way of working with elected local governments.
- Citizen education is very important both to strengthen the demand side for good governance as well as to ensure social accountability. This can be best done through

- identification of CRP particularly from the SHG network. They must be imparted training on PR in phased modules.
- Educational institutions, particularly colleges, can provide support to Panchayats. They
 should also be thoroughly made aware of the functioning of Panchayats and the
 possibilities and modalities of working with the Panchayats.
- NIRD & PR should perform the lead role in the capacity building of Gram Panchayats.
- Periodic evaluation is recommended for the excellence of panchayat functioning
- For the near future, training and institutional costs would have to be fully borne by the Central and State governments.
- An Inter-Ministerial Group may be set up to ensure that capacity building efforts do

The study report has not ventured into a detailed analysis of capacity building as the new report on National Capability Building Framework provides detailed assessment and recommendations.

CHAPTER 6

STRENGTHENING OF DPRCS AND BPRCS FOR DEVELOPING HR CAPACITY IN GPS

As part of the RGSA, states are being supported to establish Block Panchayat Resource Centres (BPRC) and District Panchayat Resource Centres (DPRC). Considering the issues being faced by the GPs in terms of inadequate human resources, how the DPRCs and the BPRCs can play a more supportive role needs to be probed. At the moment these centres are considered to be training centres only. It is important to make use of the human resources available in BPRCs and DPRCs to provide direct support to GPs.

DPRCs have to provide the following support, apart from the usual training support:

- 1. *HelpDesk* for answering queries and doubts among the elected representatives and employees of GPs. This can be by way of a Phone in System where the answers could be given immediately or in cases where the answers have to be collected from experts or higher officials, within 48 hours. This Help Desk requires a pool of experts which can be drawn from the various district level officers of the Panchayat/Rural Development Department, volunteers who have experience (retired) or subject experts on volunteer basis. In addition, one officer from each development department, agency or Flagship schemes at the district level could be designated as focal points or nodal officers who also provide support to the Help Desk on a regular basis. DPRCs are already provided with support for faculty/RP from RGSA and they can play the coordinator role of this Help Desk. This should have planners, sectoral experts and finance experts.
- 2. *Mobile Field Teams-* A group consisting of officers as mentioned above as well as volunteers could be identified as members of Mobile Field Teams at the district level who could provide filed level support if required on specific subject areas.
- 3. **Pooling of HR** The DPRC may also assess the HR situation in GPs on a regular basis and especially when specific intensive activities are undertaken at the GP level (like GPDP preparation). Based on this, the DPRC can pool human resources from among the RPs and provide specific support to the GPs which have HR inadequacies.

Block Panchayat Resource Centres

The following activities can be undertaken by BPRCs, in addition to the routine training programmes:

- 1. **Resource Centre** almost in line with the Help Desk at the District level, the BPRCs should function as resource centre which provides support in terms of answering queries, clearing doubts, providing documents and materials of relevance and guidance and advice on various matters of importance. It is not only about GPDP and implementation, but also about general administration, flagship programmes and various state and central schemes. This means that the BPRC should be equipped with resource persons and experts. It is not feasible to employ people for this, but this can be done with creating a pool of RPs drawn from various offices at eh Block level, retired officials who are paid on a daily honorarium basis (10% of the BPRC funds can be used for this) and volunteers. BPRC can also coordinate in pooling of HR in their Block area.
- 2. *Direct Human Resource Support* Human resources strength of the BPRCs should be strengthened and they should be assigned duties at the various GPs. Depending on the size of the Block and the Gram Panchayats, they could be assigned specific number of GPs or cluster of GPs. Specific tasks like the preparation of GPDP, PDI, Annual Financial Statement, Citizen Charter and many others should be the responsibility of the personnel provided in the BPRCs. It is important to specify their tasks and the GPs to which they are attached. They should be reporting to the GP President/Sarpanch.

There are 665 potential DPRCs and 6700 BPRCs across the country.

Presently, the funds earmarked for DPRC is follows (other than rent)

Thematic Expert – Rs. 30000 per month

District Coordinator – Rs. 35000 per month

The suggestion is, in addition to the above, to have an office coordinator / Help Desk coordinator who is available in the DPRC on a regular basis. Suggested amount is Rs. 25000 per month. This is because the Thematic expert and the District Coordinator will have file duties and training programmes which makes them unavailable in the DPRC for various support to be provided to the GPs. Above these positions mentioned, the proposal is to have at

least three experts posted in every DPRC with higher levels of qualification as in the case of Young Professionals who are paid Rs. 60,000 to 75,000 per month. This will bring in better professionals to the Panchayati Raj and DPRCs as well as avoid recurrent attrition.

As mentioned earlier, 10% of the amount for DPRC human resources could be earmarked for honorarium and travel for experts/RPs on call for providing help desk support or mobile field team support.

In the case of BPRCs, presently, the RGSA provides one thematic expert per BPRC. This can be increased with at least 2-3 more persons including a BPRC head. Their remuneration should be increased to Rs. 50,000 per month for the head of the BPRC and Rs, 30000 for the thematic experts.

Additional funds requirement:

DPRC

Office coordinator/helpdesk coordinator - Rs. 25000 per month x 12 months x 665 districts = Rs. 199,500,000 (Rs. 19.95 Crores)

Thematic experts (like Young professionals) – Rs. 60,000 per month x 12 months x 665 districts x 3 persons = Rs. 143.64 Crores

So, a total of Rs. 163.60 Crores will be the annual additional requirement

Plus 10% of the DPRC expenses for experts/RPs on call (Apprx. Rs. 16.36 Crores)

BPRC

Head of the BPRC – Rs. $50,000 \times 12$ months x 6700 Blocks = Rs. 40,20,000,000 (Rs. 402 Crores)

Thematic experts – Rs. $30,000 \times 12$ months x 6700 blocks x 3 persons = Rs. 723.60 Crores Total for HR of BPRC = Rs. 1125 Crores

Plus 10% of the BPRC expenses for experts travel and additional support (Apprx. Rs. 112.5 Crores)

CHAPTER 7

RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

There has to be a more systematic policy-based approach to human resources with clear norms for staffing, recruitment, remuneration, career advancement and so on. Obviously, this cannot be achieved overnight but a time bound plan of action is needed. Strengthening of HR should be seen holistically and not merely in terms of recruitment of additional staff which should be taken up only as a last resort. Sufficient attention has to be paid for competency-based capacity building for existing staff, simplification of processes, procedures and systems, widespread introduction of e-governance, adoption of norms-based outsourcing, etc. Also, in the new context, the old Gandhian concept of multipurpose village worker assumes relevance.

Convergence of resources and services, both horizontal and vertical, across Panchayats and Departments is very important in achieving efficiency and impact. Autonomy to make decisions within the overall framework of implementation but keeping in mind local priorities, bottom up flow of feedback and suggestions, room for innovation, incentivizing/rewarding good performers and hand holding and encouraging the not so good performers – all contribute towards improved performance by the grass root level staff.

Human resources are of paramount importance in achieving the desired impact of various development projects on a sustainable basis. However, there is very little data/information available at the State level related to human resources. Hence, it becomes difficult to arrive at a comprehensive policy.

The area and population of GPs vary substantially across the country. This has implications for assignment of functions and provision of human resources. A viable size is required from several points of view – performance of service delivery functions, mobilization of own revenue, co-terminus jurisdiction of service delivery institutions, preparation of meaningful development plans and effective oversight and monitoring of the performance of GPs.

The use of technology, especially Information and Communication Technology (ICT), can to a great extent augment the capacities of the Panchayats and empower them and make programme delivery more efficient and transparent. If programme efficiency is expected, there has to be organizational efficiency. This would shift the attention to strengthening the availability of human resources at the level of the GPs.

On the basis of the study we suggest the following:

- 1. Every GP, irrespective of population and size, should have a full time Panchayat Secretary who is also a regular employee and functions as the Chief Executive of the Panchayat.
- 2. The GPs coming under Group 1 must have a Panchayat Secretary and Computer Assistant. The administration of GPs in Group 2 must have a Secretary, Assistant Panchayat Secretary and Computer Assistant. While considering the GPs under Group 3 and Group 4, there should be an increase in the number of assisting staff for the Panchayat Secretary. Appointment of Assistant Panchayat Secretary, more than two Computer Assistants, LD Clerk, Panchayat Development Officer is recommended.
- 3. It is suggested to appoint a Technical Assistant (TA) in every GP should to carry out its engineering functions. He/she should be a Diploma or Degree holder in the technical field.
- 4. Regarding support staff for IT and accounting, for smaller panchayats (population less than 5000), outsourcing trained CRPs from SHG networks is advocated. For larger Panchayats there may be regular staff or more formal outsourcing, giving preference to trained CRPs.
- 5. All employees should be proficient in computers for their work. This should be a mandatory qualification for future recruitment. Existing employees should be enabled to acquire the required proficiency within a fixed period, for which the State should provide the required support.
- 6. For new recruitment all candidates should be at least graduate with proficiency in computers which needs to be tested at the time of selection, irrespective of their previous training and certification. The selected candidates should undergo an induction training of at least sixteen weeks including 4 weeks of mandatory field level training.
- 7. For all the existing staff, including those on contract, minimum levels of competence required for that position should be ensured. MoRD and MoPR may facilitate States to develop a comprehensive competency framework for the different positions.
- 8. The selection process should be transparent, merit based and fair. It should be conducted by the formal institutions like the State Public Service Commission or any competent authority of the State Government or any agency authorized by the State either at the State,

- Division or District levels. The appointing authority should be at least one level above the GP, either at the IP or DP.
- 9. Even for contract employees, minimum qualifications and rigorous selection procedures are recommended
- 10. It is suggested that the work of all employees in a GP should be supervised and monitored by the concerned Panchayat. This would include reviewing performance, inspecting work, calling for performance reports and systematic community based monitoring to ensure inclusive and effective reach and quality of services. Complaints will be forwarded by the GP to the IP or District level for disciplinary action. A functioning grievance redressal mechanism must be in place.
- 11. MoRD, MoPR and MDWS would jointly ensure that the funds earmarked for administrative costs are untied from the schemes and freedom given to the States to spend them for HR related costs at the GP and IP level
- 12. The Panchayats should be encouraged to use only transaction-based software for (i) carrying out their functions in delivering local services, (ii) in maintaining database related to local planning and monitoring progress, (iii) financial management including e-procurement and (iv) works management including estimation. This has to be associated with necessary process re-engineering like adoption of a double entry system of accounting and amendment of rules for electronic maintenance of cash books etc., if needed.
- 13. E-learning tools may be designed for training, especially in the case of public works, waste management, etc. This will facilitate self-learning through animated software which can simulate real life situations.
- 14. A competency framework may be developed for each category of staff as well as for the elected representatives and training designed to fill the gap. This would be analogous to the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF).
- 15. Panchayats should have the freedom to seek training on topics which they feel have immediate relevance this would make capacity building demand-driven.
- 16. SIRD&PRs may commission "Action Research" on different areas of functioning of Panchayats especially GPs and utilize the results for both policy advocacy and practical training.
- 17. The DPRCs and BPRCs should be strengthened with more experts, who are qualified and skilled and paid well.

18. Such thematic experts posted in BPRCs and DPRCs should undergo in depth training on matters related to Panchayati Raj as well as office management so that they could provide support to the GPs.

HR Recommendation for the Groups

Group 1- Population < 2500- Grade 1

Administration

- One secretary mandatory full time, Graduate, Computer skills essential
- Pooling of Human resources among a maximum of 5 similar panchayats
- Clerical staff 2 with Higher secondary pass with computer skills
- State to provide salary
- Tasks to be clearly defined.
- Days to be fixed and made public

Support staff

- Mainly for cleaning etc Daily wages / Part time for each Panchayat
- Support staff to be Panchayat employees, recruited and paid by the Panchayat

Technical staff

- Mainly the engineers/engineering staff, one engineer for a cluster of 10 Panchayats
- Overseers one for every 5 similar panchayats
- State to recruit and provide salary (Or this could be pooled from various schemes like MGNREGS)
- Tasks to be clearly mentioned, days to be allocated and publicized.
- Supervision by the Panchayats concerned Joint management committee with all the Presidents to meet once in a month

Group 2

Administration

- One secretary and one clerk mandatory
- Secretary to be graduate with computer skills
- Clerk to be Higher secondary pass with computer skills

- State to recruit and post.
- Salaries to be paid by the state or transferred to the panchayat

Support staff

• To be Panchayat employees, recruited and paid by the Panchayat

Technical staff

- Mainly the engineers/engineering staff, one overseer for each Panchayat
- A graduate engineer for a cluster of 5 similar Panchayats
- State to recruit and provide salary (This could be pooled from various schemes like MGNREGS)

Group 3

Administration

- One secretary Graduate, computer skills
- Clerical and other staff similar to the structure existing in the state government (different grades of clerks, supervisory level staff etc.)
- State to recruit, post and pay salaries or salaries transferred to the Panchayat

Support Staff

• Panchayat staff to be recruited and posted by the Panchayat, monthly salary

Technical staff

- One graduate engineer per Panchayat
- For Panchayats with more than 25000 population, an additional overseer
- Health and sanitation functionary looking after sanitation, various institution hygiene and overall health related aspects
- State to recruit, post and pay salaries or transfer the amount to the Panchayat

General

- In all cases, the reporting is to be to the Panchayat President
- Attendance, CR to be by the President on behalf of the Panchayat

- Disciplinary actions (minor punishment) by the President as per the decision of the Panchayat
- Reports to be sent to the state government by the President for higher grades of punishment
- Transfer norms to be fixed for staff being posted by the state government
- No transfers before completion of three years.
- Any other transfer only with the concurrence of the Panchayat or by request from panchayat.

Standing Committees:

Generally, Two types

- 1. As sub committees of the Panchayat (only elected representatives)
- 2. Committees formed by the Panchayat with non-ERs also along with ERs.

Suggestions on Standing Committees

- In cases where the standing committees are exclusively of ERs, a provision to invite experts and stakeholders as special invitees
- For others, inclusion of ERs, SHG representatives, women, SC/ST mandatory
- All ERs to be part of at least one standing committee
- Chairperson of the standing committee should be an ER.
- Concerned sectoral officials to be mandatory members.
- Not more than 10 members in a standing committee.
- Standing committees to be based on broad themes.
- Number and themes to be decided by the state government
- It could also be a few themes clubbed together so that the number of standing committees are not too many.
- All planning for various SDG themes to be led by the concerned standing committees.
- The plans for each of the themes have to be approved by the relevant standing committee before taking to the Panchayat committee.
- Monitoring of the activities to be done by the concerned standing committee.
- Expenditure reports to be verified by the standing committee before submitting to the Panchayat committee.

- Panchayat budgets are finalised only after the concerned standing committees' vet the suggestions.
- For Grade 1 Panchayat, a single expanded Panchayat committee would be enough with non-ERs included.

CHAPTER 8

ROAD MAP FOR DEVELOPING THE HUMAN RESOURCES IN GPs

MoPR Roadmap:

- Circulate the recommendations as advisory July 2023
- Responses to be invited from the states on their present status and feedback August 2023
- Discussion with Ministries with major schemes at the Panchayat level where functionaries are posted July 2023
- Possibilities of sharing these personnel with the Panchayats to be discussed and decided
 August 2023
- States to consider and see the balance requirements December 2023
- RGSA guidelines to be relooked to see how BPRCs and DPRCs could compensate for HR deficiencies in GPs
- RGSA guidelines to be relooked to see whether HR could be supported for the Grade 1 and 2 Panchayats partially or completely.

Group/ Designation wise Financial Implication with possible resources

GROUP 1

	STUDY ON "D		Minimum	Minimu m				
Sl.		No of positions	Monthly salary per	Monthly salary	Share	Share	Share by GP	Share by
No	Designation	in GP	person	per GP	by State	by CFC	(OSR)	Schemes
	Panchayat							
	Development							
1	officer/Secretary	1	30000	30000	100%			
2	Assistant Secretary			0				
3	Junior Clerk	1	20000	20000	100%			
4	Senior Clerk			0				
5	Superintendent			0				
6	Engineer			0				
7	Overseer			0				
	Computer							
	Operator/Technical							
8	Assistant/Clerk	1	25000	25000		100%		
9	Tax Collector	1	15000	15000			100%	
	Water pump							
10	operator			0				
	Peon/Office	_						
11	Assistant			0				
	Cleaning/Health	-						
12	Staff	1	10000	10000			100%	
13	Rojgar Sevak	1	10000	10000				100%
	Total			110000	45.45%	22.73%	22.73%	9.1%

GROUP 2

	STUDY ON "DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN PACHAYATS"							
				Minimu				
		No of	Minimum	m				
		positio	Monthly	Monthly	Share	Share	Share by	
		ns in	salary per	salary	by	by	GP(OSR	Share by
Sl.No	Designation	GP	person	per GP	State	CFC)	Schemes
	Panchayat							
	Development							
	officer/Secretar							
1	у	1	30000	30000	100%			
	Assistant							
2	Secretary			0				
3	Junior Clerk	1	20000	20000	100%			
4	Senior Clerk			0				
5	Superintendent			0				
6	Engineer			0				
7	Overseer	1	30000	30000	40%	60%		
	Computer							
	Operator/Techn							
8	ical Assistant	1	25000	25000		100%		
9	Tax Collector	1	15000	15000			100%	
	Water pump							
10	operator		10000	10000			100%	
	Peon/Office							
11	Assistant	1		0				
	Cleaning/Healt							
12	h Staff	1	10000	10000			100%	
13	Rojgar Sevak	1	10000	10000				100%
	Total			1,50,000	41.33%	28.67%	23.33%	6.67%

GROUP 3

	STUDY ON "DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN PACHAYATS"							
Sl.No	Designation	No of positions in GP	Minimum Monthly salary per person	Minimum Monthly salary per GP	Share by State	Share by CFC	Share by GP(OSR)	Share by Schemes
	Panchayat							
	Development							
1	officer/Secretary	1	35000	35000	100%			
2	Assistant Secretary	0		0				
3	Junior Clerk	1	20000	20000	100%			
4	Senior Clerk	0		0				
5	Superintendent	0		0				
6	Engineer	1	40000	40000		100%		
7	Overseer	0		0				
8	Computer Operator/Technical Assistant	1	25000	25000		100%		
9	Tax Collector	2	15000	30000		10070	100%	
9	Water pump	2	13000	30000			100%	
10	operator	2	15000	30000			100%	
	Peon/Office							
11	Assistant	1	10000	10000			100%	
	Cleaning/Health							
12	Staff	2	10000	20000			100%	
13	Rojgar Sevak	1	10000	10000				100%
	Total			2,20,000	25.00%	29.55%	40.90%	4.54%

GROUP 4

	STUDY ON "DEV	ELOPMEN	NT OF HUM	IAN RESO	URCES I	N PANCE	IAYATS"	
SI.N		No of positions	Minimum Monthly salary per	Minimu m Monthly salary	Share by	Share by	Share by GP(OS	Share by Sche
0	Designation	in GP	person	per GP	State	CFC	R)	mes
	Panchayat							
	Development							
1	officer/Secretary	1	50000	50000	100%			
2	Assistant Secretary	1	30000	30000	40%	60%		
3	Junior Clerk	1	20000	20000	100%			
4	Senior Clerk	1	25000	25000	100%			
5	Engineer	1	50000	50000	40%	60%		
6	Overseer	1	30000	30000	40%	60%		
	Computer							
	Operator/Technical							
7	Assistant	1	25000	25000		100%		
8	Tax Collector	3	15000	45000			100%	
	Water pump							
9	operator	2	10000	20000			100%	
	Peon/Office							
10	Assistant	2	10000	20000			100%	
	Cleaning/Health							
11	Staff	3	10000	30000			100%	
12	Rojgar Sevak	1	10000	10000				100%
	Total			355000	39.15%	25.6%	32.40%	2.80%

Expected Share from CFC

Group	No. of GPs	Total HR cost	Expected CFC	Percentage
		per year in	share per year	share of CFC
		Crores Rupees	Crores Rupees	support
Group 1	105855	13973	3176	22.73
Group 2	117612	21170	6069	28.67
Group 3	17193	3782	1120	29.55
Group 4	14865	6333	1620	25.60
Total (A)	255525	45258	11985	26.48
DPRC HR	665 Districts	180	108	60.00
Cost (B)				
BPRC HR	6700 Blocks	1240	744	60.00
Cost (C)				
Grand Total		46,678	12,837	27.50



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