

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Civil Secretariat, Rural Development Department

Subject:- Entrustment/Execution of Powers and Functions of Halqa Panchayats.

Government Order No. 184 –RD of 2011
Dated - 28- 08 - 2011

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 12 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 read with rules made thereunder and all other enabling powers in this behalf, sanction is hereby accorded to the entrustment, and execution, of the powers and functions restated, redefined and codified in the Annexure to this order to the Halqa panchayats in the State w.e.f. 29th August, 2011.

It is further ordered that:-

- I. that the devolution of powers and functions will be a continuous/gradual process, related to the infrastructure/capacity building of the Institutions, flow of funds and training of all concerned;
- II. that there will be a thrust on training of Sarpanches/Panches and the staff of Halqa Panchayats for proper discharge of functions and powers;
- III. that infrastructure and staff in the Halqa Panchayats will be organized by the Government expeditiously to enable them to discharge their functions effectively as units of Local Self Government;
- IV. that effective steps shall be taken by all the concerned to ensure that Halqa Panchayats are provided with office accommodation wherever any Halqa Panchayat does not have its own building;
- V. that Panchayat Ghars at the Halqa level at a cost of 20 lacs per building shall be executed by the Halqa Panchayats exclusively by flow of funds under MGNREGA, BRGF, RGSY and 13th Finance Commission wherever a Halqa Panchayat does not have its own building;
- VI. that the funds earmarked under the 13th Finance Commission during the current year shall be executed through PRIs immediately on release of funds by the Government of India.
- VII. that fund provided under the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) (40 Crores) will also be released and executed through halqa panchayats forthwith;
- VIII. that all the concerned departments shall discharge their functions in conformity with, and subject to, the mandate given to the Halqa Panchayats and any dereliction of duties or non-compliance shall be viewed seriously by the Government.
- IX. that the concerned officials at the halqa level shall identify staff and funds at Halqa level for being transferred to Halqa Panchayats for operation, maintenance and supervision of the subjects entrusted to Halqa Panchayats;
- X. that the Department will take up the matter with the Planning and Development Department/Finance Department for providing untied grants to the extent of Rupees One Lac for each Halqa Panchayat to enable them to shoulder responsibility for building rural infrastructure and to meet local needs and priorities;

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- XI. the Halqa Panchayat shall take into consideration the guidelines issued by the Government of India and the State Government while formulation, execution and monitoring various programmes at halqa level

This order issues in supersession of all orders and circular instructions issued from time to time on the subject.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

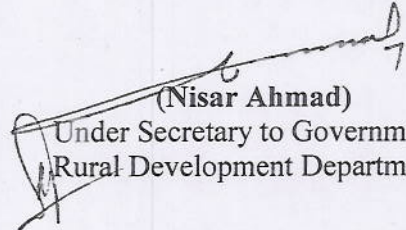
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(G.H.Tantary) IAS
Secretary to Government,
Rural Development Department

Dated: - 28.08.2011

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Under Secretary to Government,
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ANNEXURE TO GOVERNMENT ORDER NO.184 RD 2011
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Powers and functions of Halqa Panchayat

1. to prepare the plans for the development of the Halqa;
2. to undertake measures for the implementation of the developmental plan;
3. to specifically deal with the problems of soil conservation, water management, social forestry, rural industrialization, agriculture, sheep and animal husbandry, sanitation, health and other welfare programmes;
4. regulations of buildings, shops and entertainment houses and checking of offensive or dangerous trades;
5. construction and maintenance of slaughter houses, regulation of sale, and preservation of meat and processing of skins and hides;
6. regulation of sale and preservation of fish, vegetables and other perishable articles of food;
7. regulation of fairs and festivals;
8. preparation and implementation of special developmental plans for alleviating poverty and employment generation through and besides programme, like Integrated Rural Development Programme, National Rural Employment Programme, Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and Housing of Scheduled Castes and backward Classes;
9. maintenance, operation and supervision of :-
 - i) Primary Schools
 - ii) Medical Sub Centres
 - iii) Panchayat Bhavan
 - iv) Village/Panchayat Roads/Lanes/Drains/Culverts
 - v) Sheep Ext.Centres
 - vi) Vet.Ext.Centres
 - vii) Zamindar Khuls
 - viii) Anganwari Centres
 - ix) Training Centres of Social Welfare and Handicrafts Department
 - x) Street Lights

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- xi) Slaughter houses
- xii) Agri/Horticulture Ext. Services
- xiii) Village Wood- lots
- xiv) Strip Plantation
- xv) Seed Distribution cases
- xvi) Field nurseries of Horticulture Department.
- xvii) all the matters involving regulation, supervision, maintenance, and support, incidental to, or necessary for the more effective discharge of the above functions;
- xviii) other assets, if any, of the Rural Development Department at the Panchayat level
- xix) to be involved in the implementation of scheme of universalisation of elementary education and other educational programmes;
- 10. Functional Minor Irrigation and Water Supply Scheme in phases and in a manner as may be determined by the PWD in consultation with the Rural Development Department
- 11. Sanctioning of projects in the halqa.
- 12. Approval to the list of works to be executed.
- 13. Taking into consideration the guidelines issued by the Government of India and the State Government while executing, formulating and monitoring the works programme.
- 14. to supervise and check attendance and punctuality of staff posted in such establishments and such other functions and duties as may be assigned or entrusted to it by the Government, the District Planning and Development Board and the Block Development Council within the area of which Halqa Panchayat is constituted.
- 15. Planning/implementation of following programmes under overall supervision and direction of halqa panchayats.
 - i) Indira Awas Yojna
 - ii) Integrated Social Security Scheme, Integrated
 - iii) Child Development Scheme
 - iv) Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme
 - v) National Family Benefit Scheme
 - vi) Indira Gandhi National Disabled persons Scheme

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- vii) Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme
- viii) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- ix) National Rural Livelihood Mission
- x) Swaranjyanti Gramteen Savarozger Yojna
- xi) Total Sanitation Campaign
- xii) Identification of BPL beneficiaries for subsidized ration(AAY)
- xiii) Mid Day Meals


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