

## **5. Challenges/ Constraints being faced & suggestions to overcome the same.**

### **1. Reason for delay in implementation:**

- a. After launching of the Axom Adorxo Gram Yojana ( AAGY) : 2018-19 this office was communicated with a draft Guidelines with release of a part of gap filling fund amounting to Rs.50.00 Lakh only for each of the identified village. There was also a specific instruction from the Govt not to carry out the process of implementation until Cabinet approval of the Guidelines. The approved Guidelines have been communicated from Govt vide letter No. PD/DCP.62/2018/Pt/18 dated: 22-11-2019 with a direction to go ahead with the implementation process with last year`s sanctioned amount.
- b. On the other hand since the beginning of March,2020, all the development nature of activities & its implementation had a resultant delay due to the Covid-19 pandemic with widespread restrictions for the enforcement of complete or partial lockdowns.
- c. Further, due to enforcement of Model Code with announcement of recent Assembly Election,2021 had also a resultant delay towards timely implementation of all the initial activities under AAGY.

### **2. Engagement of Knowledge Partner & Village Fellow:**

- a. For providing support in the implementation, it was mentioned in the guideline that a Knowledge Partner will be appointed. However, this appoint is yet to be made. Appointment as indicated in the guidelines would have gone a long way in smooth implementation.
- b. Similarly, appointment of Village Fellow for carrying out House to House & Village level survey would have facilitated towards execution of the programme.

### **3. Setting up of District Level Project Management Unit:**

- a. In the guideline, there is also mentioned about setting up of a District Level Project Management Unit to look after the day to day operations related to the schemes which is yet to be made.

### **4. Regarding Administrative Cost:**

- a. Many kinds of expenses are incurred in the course of implementation of the schemes. In the guideline there was specifically earmarked of an Administrative cost of 2% of overall scheme cost but the same has not been released which affects in the success of the schemes. Timely release of the Administrative expenses is utmost essential to meet the regular costs on human resources, contingencies & IEC etc.

### **5. Regarding Mobilization Fund :**

- a. Timely release of the mobilization fund would have come a long way towards achieving the goal as well as carry forward the sensitization programme , base line survey & starting the initial activities which was also specifically mentioned in the guideline .

### **6. Measures required/ being taken up by districts for proper & timely implementation of works with cent percent physical & financial progress in the current year.**

- a. Time line has been fixed for completion of all the activities.
- b. Regular review meetings are being held among the VLCCs as well as Construction Committees of particular works to ensure its completion within the time specified.
- c. Periodic inspections are being carried out with the involvement of Circle Officers/ Planning Officers to assess the quality & progress of works.

### **7. Suggestion for T&D Deptt to improve/ reform**

- a. Govt may consider setting up of a separate IT platform/ Portal to facilitate regular uploading & hosting of the status of all the activities taken up under AAGY which will also help in monitoring.
- b. There should be a provision for contractual engagement of technical staffs to avoid inordinate delays for preparation of estimates/ DPR for different activities after carrying out field assessment to ensure actual requirement of fund for a work proposed.
- c. Frequent modification or alteration of schemes as well as change of incumbency of the Construction Committee disrupt severely towards timely implementation of different activities.
- d. The implemented solution should be audited by a competent third party at least once in a year.
- e. Periodic evaluation should also be undertaken by a reputed institution.
- f. Due to savings nature of bank account, there accrued interest. Govt may allow utilizing the fund for different activities in the identified villages as well as earmarking a part of fund for mobilization & sensitization cost, administrative expenses, human resource, IEC etc.