

Project Details: NAeG/14-15/00012

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Name of The Project	ePanchayat
Category of Award Applying for	Best District level initiative in citizen-centric service delivery through ICT
Date of Launch	06-05-2013
Summary/Objective of the project	<p>e-Panchayat project was conceived, planned and successfully implemented in Reasi district located in south of Shopian and Kulgam district along the Pir Panjal ranges which has remained a hot bed of militancy as recently as 2010 taking a toll of developmental activities in this hilly, inaccessible, resource scarce region. The district having a 58% literacy rate, 30% of population being nomadic and nearly 33% BPL population, faced distinct challenges of vicious circles of poverty and underdevelopment in rural areas. With this background in mind Project e-Panchayat was launched in the district gainfully for rural development and boost the ailing MGNREGA implementation as well as other centrally sponsored schemes. Prior to the project on-lining of the MGNREGA works was done at 4 Block Headquarters viz Arnas, Mahore, Gulabgarh and Pouni. Muster rolls were also generated at block headquarters. Manual muster rolls were to be carried from each panchayat work site to the block hq for online uploading on NREGAssoft. This involved traveling for 3-4 days on foot in cases of many panchayats. The CSS MGNREGA turned out to be non-productive for most of the job card holders. As against 58,000 job card holders only 6000-7000 were demanding jobs and for them to delay in payment was a serious cause of worry. District Development Commissioner Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary and Assistant Commissioner Development Mr Joginder Singh Rai initiated the project after consultation with all panchayats. More than 1200 PRI representatives and RDD field officials were trained 147 GRS recruited and IT-enabled services provided at each Panchayat Hq. As many as 78 new Panchayat Ghars were also constructed during the project period. The services earlier available at 4 Block Hqs were now provided at all 147 Panchayat Headquarters thereby reducing the cost to zero, reducing distance to be traveled on foot by 80% and reducing time of service delivery by nearly 90%. Moreover, accounts were also opened for all 58000 Job Card holders and immediate payment was also transferred. At the time of initiating the project the percentage of projects onlining in the district was dismal 30% which was increased to 100% through this decentralized efficient service delivery system. Apart from this, V-Sat hubs were also created in cluster of panchayats for better service delivery. Tablet PCs with internet connectivity and software loaded were provided to all GRS and PRIs. The project has been running successfully for more than a year now and permanent team has been established on the ground. Since funds allocation under MGNREGA is directly linked to the onlining of works therefore the funding has also increased for the district. As many as 70 wooden foot bridges for remote schools and 527 school buildings were taken up and completed during the year under convergence of MGNREGA with other schemes. This was made possible through efficient e-Panchayat project. The nomadic population of Gujjars and Bakkerwals representing 30% of population has benefited the most with this project. As many as 4000 new works were taken up. The e-Panchayat project has marked a paradigm shift in the working culture and service delivery pattern effecting a frameshift from block level to village panchayat level. This project has been recommended by the Chief Secretary J&K for replication in other districts of state, presently it has been replicated in Barnoti block of Kathua district and other districts are also planning replication in current year. Funds for the project were generated through District e-Governance Society, District Annual Plan, MGNREGA Administrative Funds and Rural Development Department funds apart from community resources and participation. The project has also complimented in conduct of elections, disaster management, monitoring of schemes and public grievance redressal across the district.</p>
Beneficiary of the project	58000 Job Cards 147 Panchayats 259 Villages 25000 tribal nomadic families
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Supporting documents:-[Award Specific Form](#)[Self Certification by the Project Head](#)