MESSAGE

It gives me an immense pleasure to know that the Local Administration Department is publishing e-book highlighting the achievements of the Department during the year 2019-2020.

The Local Administration Department is responsible for administering the role and functions of Village Councils in Mizoram. The Local Administration Department is visioning and working for the empowerment and decentralization of powers to the Village Council institution and also towards creating social infrastructure in the villages.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate officers and staff of LAD for their commendable effort and unwavering dedication to their duties and also request them to continue to strive for excellence. It is my belief that we can make more achievements.

The compilation of important achievements is an important yardstick for measuring the performance and efficiency of the Department. On the other hand, shortcomings and deficiencies of the Department can also be addressed based on this information. It is my hope that this e-book publication is beneficial for the public. The information illustrated in this compilation may be used as a ready reckoner by all concerned authorities and stakeholders.

I laud the efforts of all officers and staff engaged in the successful preparation of this e-book.

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1. Brief profile of the Department:

The Government of Mizoram had decided to continue having the Rural Local Body known as Village Council system even though the Article 243M (2) of the 73rd Amendment of the Indian Constitution in 1992 has exempted Mizoram from having Panchayati Raj Institution. The Local Administration Department (LAD) is responsible for managing and monitoring local administration of 534 nos. of Village Council in Mizoram except those Village Council under Autonomous District Council areas v.i.z., Mara Autonomous District Council (MADC), Lai Autonomous District Council (LADC) and Chakma Autonomous District Council (CADC) of Siaha and Lawngtlai Districts.

The Local Administration Department is visioning to ensure functioning of the Village Councils through empowerment and provision of professional support system. In a nutshell, it can be said that the overall object of Local Administration Department is to strengthen participatory rural local government through Village Council.

2. Administration

Total no. of Administrative District in Mizoram (excluding ADCs) – 9

Officers under LAD

1) Secretary - 1
2) Joint Secretary - 1
3) Under Secretary - 1
4) Superintendent - 1
5) Director - 1
6) Joint Director - 2
7) Deputy Director  - 3
8) Superintendent  - 1
9) DLAO           - 6

3. No. of Village Councils
   1) Aizawl        - 66
   2) Lunglei       - 113
   3) Champhai      - 60
   4) Kolasib       - 52
   5) Serchhip      - 50
   6) Mamit         - 87
   7) Saitual       - 42
   8) Khawzawl      - 36
   9) Hnahthial     - 28
                   Total - 534

4. No. of Sub-Village Committee
   1) Aizawl        - 2
   2) Lunglei       - 17
   3) Champhai      - Nil
   4) Kolasib       - Nil
   5) Serchhip      - 2
   6) Mamit         - 11
   7) Saitual       - Nil
   8) Khawzawl      - Nil
   9) Hnahthial     - 1
                   Total - 33
5. Unauthorised Settlement recorded

1) Aizawl - Nil
2) Lunglei - 13
3) Champhai - 3
4) Kolasib - Nil
5) Serchhip - Nil
6) Mamit - 2

Total - 18

6. Action taken against Unauthorised Settlement:

All District Officers (DLAOs) have verified the current condition of settlement and findings of the verification will be discussed at the District Level Screening Committee (DLSC) under the Chairmanship of DCs. Based on the recommendations of DLSC, rectification will be made on settlement list.

7. Complaint against Village Council:

Whenever there is a complaint against any Village Council, verification has been done by concerned District Offices. Based on the report of the District Officers, complaint case has been referred to Ombudsman or forwarded to the Administrative Department for further necessary action, whether to be dissolved or to be suspended. In both cases, the Administrative Department appointed a reliable Government Staff to take charge of village administration as per the Section 25 of the Lushai Hills District (Village Council) Act, 1953. The person who assumes charge of VCP, further recommends an advisory body as per Govt. Notification No. LAD / VC – 209 / 99, Dt.06.08.1999

8. Election to Village Council:

1) No. of Elected VC member provided:

   a. 200 households and below - 3 of whom 1 shall be woman
   b. Above 200-500 households - 5 of whom 1 shall be woman
   c. Above 500-1000 households - 7 of whom 1 shall be woman
   d. Above 1000 households - 9 of whom 3 shall be woman
2) Election to VC has been conducted by SEC.

3) Existing term of VC is 5 years.

4) As per existing rules, there is no provision for bye-election.

9. **Rural Sanitation:**

   As the AoB rules allocates rural sanitation to LAD, action has been taken by the Department.

10. **Control of Animal:**

    As per provision under The Mizoram Animal (Control & Taxation) Act, 2014, all Village Councils have been properly instructed to keep all animals under control within their jurisdiction. They are also instructed to collect animal tax as per rules-

    **Present Rate of Animal Tax:**
    - Adult: Rs.50/-
    - Minor: Rs.20/-

11. **Physical Development:**

    Physical development works have been taken up by the Department as many developmental works comes under the administration of Village Council. Accordingly, the LAD is well equipped with Technical Cell-

    - Executive Engineer: 1
    - Assistant Engineer: 1
    - Development Engineer: 1
    - Junior Engineer: 10
    - Section Assistant: 6

12. **State Flagship Programme:**

    During 2018-2019, Local Administration Department had executed as many as 2247 nos. of developmental works amounting to Rs.5,060/- lakhs under NEDP.

    For the financial year 2019-2020, no fund has been allocated under LAD. However, as there is a need for minor developmental works in various villages, a proposal has been submitted to the Government for allocation of funds for
development works during 2019-2020 and approval of the said proposal is being awaited.

13. Centrally Sponsored Scheme: ‘Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)’

Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme aims to strengthen capacities of institutions for rural local governance to become more responsive towards local development needs, prepare participatory plans leveraging technology and efficiently utilise available resources for realizing sustainable solutions to local problems linked to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Local Administration Department, State Nodal Department for RGSA Scheme, is being implementing various activities during the year 2019 – 2020 all across the state including VCs under Autonomous District Council (ADC) areas. Altogether, 804 VCs have been covered under RGSA Scheme. Rs.9.88 crore has been approved by Ministry of Panchayati Raj for FY 2019-2020. Major activities being taken up by LAD under RGSA during 2019-2020 are as follow-

1) **Capacity Building & Training:** With the support of LAD, this activity is being taken up by SIRD&PR. Activities under this component included conducting Training Needs Assessment, development of Training Modules, State level Workshop, training of Master Trainers, Training of Village Councils, Training of line department officials and staffs, exposure tour, etc.

2) **Institutional Support (Recurring Cost):** Activities under this component included- recurring cost Faculty members and OE of State Panchayat Resource Centre (SPRC), recurring cost on Faculty members and OE of District Panchayat Resource Centres (upto 10 lakh per annum per DPRC). Under the supervision and monitoring of LAD, SIRD&PR is taking up this activity.

3) **Panchayat Bhawan Support:** Under this activity, new VC House are being constructed in 13 Villages; VC House Repair in 6 Villages and co-location of Common Service Centre at VC House in 10 Villages. Activities under this component are under process.
4) **e-Enablement of Panchayats / Village Council:** Under this activity, 149 Desktop Computer Set are being distributed to 149 Village Councils across the state. Activity under this component is under process.

5) **e-Governance Support Group:** This is mainly for e-State Programme Management Unit (e-SPMU) and e-District Programme Management Units (eDPMUs) Staff remuneration. e-SPMU is functioning at the State Level and e-DPMU are functioning at district level. Duties and responsibilities of e-Governance Support Group included the followings-
   
   a. Management of troubleshooting for Panchayat Enterprise Suite (PES) and other web based application related to e-Governance at State and District Level.

   b. Facilitation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) at district level and providing technical assistance to Gram Panchayats / Village Council in management of GPDP Portal, PlanPlus / e-GramSwaraj App, ActionSoft, etc.

   c. Any other work assigned by Controlling Officer.

6) **Project based support for support for income development and enhancement:** ‘Areca nut leaf plate Production with Packaging facilities at Bilkhawthlir Village.’ This project is under process.

   a. The main goal of this project is to help Village Council ensure local economic development and social justice.

      i. **Primary objective** is to support SHGs through Village Council by providing them space and machines so as to increase their income.

      ii. **Secondary objective** of this project is to enhance OSR (Own Source of Revenue) for Village Council. OSR generated by Village Council through this project will be utilised for local governance purpose.
7) **Project based support for income development and enhancement**: ‘Rural Homestay & Agro Tourism at Tuipui D Village.’ This project is under process.
   a. The main goal of this project is to help Village Council ensure local economic development and social justice.
      i. Primary objective is to support SHGs by providing them opportunity to work for their own economic development.
      ii. Secondary objective of this project is to enhance OSR (Own Source of Revenue) for Village Council. OSR generated by Village Council through this project will be utilised for local governance purpose.

8) **Project Management Unit (PMU)**: PMU is based at Directorate of Local Administration Department and it mainly deals with Annual Action Plan formulation and overall management and monitoring of RGSA Scheme in the State.

9) **IEC**: IEC activity included development of pamphlet, print & electronic media, hoardings, etc. for generating awareness related to RGSA.

14. **Excluded Area Grant**: The Department of Expenditure Commission Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of India has released fund amounting to Rs.4,544/- lakh for grant to Area Excluded in Part IX & IX(A) of the Constitution. The fund is being distributed to all Rural Local Bodies (i.e., Village Council) in Mizoram on the basis of population (2011 census).

15. **Inauguration of Vaisam LAD Park, Mamit**: This is located at Vaisam deserted village. The LAD has developed the site by constructing Rest House, internal footpath, parking lot, approach road, fencing, view tower, rest shed, amphitheatre, RCC benches, flower bed, toilet swing & slides with a total expenditure of Rs.142/- lakh. Vaisam LAD Park was inaugurated by Pu K.Lalrinliana, Hon’ble Minister, LAD on the 22nd November, 2019.
PHOTO GALLERY

Pu K.Lalrinliana, Hon’ble Minister, LAD is inaugurating VAISAM PARK

VAISAM PARK
Director, Jt. Director and other officials & staff of LAD at Vaisam Park

Vaisam Park
Pu K. Lalrinliana, Hon’ble Minister, LAD is delivering a speech at Computer Set Distribution Programme at Directorate of LAD

Pu Rodney L. Ralte IAS, Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram, LAD is delivering a speech at Computer Set Distribution Programme
Pu Zoengsanga, Director, LAD is delivering welcome speech at Computer Set Distribution Programme

Pu Lalchawimawia, Jt. Director & SNO (RGSA), LAD is delivering a speech on RGSA at Computer Set Distribution Programme
Pu K. Lalrinliana, Hon’ble Minister, LAD is distributing Computer Set to VCs

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Meeting with VCs on CSC co-location at Office Chamber of JD & SNO(RGSA) LAD

Khuangleng Village Council House: Constructed under RGSA Scheme
State Panchayat Resource Centre, Durtlang, Aizawl : Constructed under RGSA Scheme

District Panchayat Resource Centre (DPRC), Champhai : Constructed under RGSA Scheme
District Panchayat Resource Centre (DPRC), Siaha : Constructed under RGSA Scheme

Bairabi North VC House Constructed by LAD under RGSA