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Minutes of the Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG) Meeting for e-District Pilot Project, 3rd September 2013.

1.   The meeting of the Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG) Meeting for e-District Pilot Project was held on 3rd September, 2013 at 2:00 PM in Conference Room No. 4009, 4th Floor, Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003.

2.   *List of Attendees is placed at Annexure I.*

3.   Shri Gaurav Dwivedi, Director, DeitY, presented the agenda and explained the salient features of each point. The agenda papers are placed at Annexure II.

AGENDA NO. 1, 2 & 3: PRESENTATION BY EACH STATE ON STATUS OF PILOT PROJECT AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS OF EDISTRICT PILOT PROJECT AND ASSESS THE STATUS OF CLOSURE OF PILOT E-DISTRICT PROJECTS OF 14 STATES

4.   4. The PRSG was apprised of the current implementation status of the e-District Pilot Project in 15 States. The implementation status comprising the physical progress and the financial progress was presented as per details mentioned in the agenda papers. The Chairman explained the need for closing the pilot in light of the approval and ongoing implementation of the statewide rollout of e-District MMP. Synergies may be realized to the full extent once pilots are closed for good and the remaining activities (development of modules) are subsumed in the statewide rollout. Continuing the pilot and the statewide rollout simultaneouly in the same state is challenging and may delay the statewide rollout adversely. The Chairman re-iterated the previous PRSG's recommendation to close the pilot at the earliest on "as-is-where-is" basis with the intent to include the critical pending application development activities in the statewide rollout.

5.   PRSG further suggested that financial closure reports may be submmited with a certification that 7th milestone of ISA is complete. This would help NICSI settle payments with ISA and pilot may finally be closed with State & NICSI.

6.   Progress of each of the States was reviewed by PRSG and following comments were provided to the States.

i.   Assam

State informed that pilot project in the State is closed as the all the milestones have been achived. State requested DeitY to release an amount of Rs. 21,000 quoting this as balance with DeitY. In response to which the State was informed that the total outlay of the project is Rs. 656.63 lakhs which already been released by the DeitY to the State and NICSI. State was requested to close the financial and submit the closure report by the end of September, 2013.

ii. Bihar

State informed the meeting that all milestones under eDistrict pilot project has been completed by the State. PRSG advised the State to submit the closure report by end of September, 2013. State would submit the UCs by end of this week.

iii. Haryana

State informed the PRSG that the draft closure report is ready and HARTRON team would like to visit DeitY with the draft closure report on 16th September, 2013 to seek suggestion on the report by DeitY which was agreed by DeitY. Subesequently final report would be submitted by the State.

iv. Madhya Pradesh

Under Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh informed the meeting that the State has already intiated closure report and 90% of its work is completed, the same will be submitted to DeitY by 10th of September 2013.

v. Maharashtra

State has already submiited pilot closure report to Deity. A revised closure report would be submiited, incorporating DeitY's earlier observation by second week of September, 2013.

vi. Punjab

Director, DIT, Govt. of Punjab informed that the pilot has gone live in the State with 47 services and the STQC certification is under progress which will be completed by the end of this month. Chairman conveyed that the State should submit the Project Closure Report by the 30th September, 2013. STQC was requested to expidite the certification.

vii. Rajasthan

Rajasthan informed the meeting that so far System Integrator has not developed all the modules of the application and also the hardware has not been installed by the SI. State has been advised to monitor SI closely and complete all the pilot activities by October, 2013 and submit the closure report also by end of October, 2013.

viii. Tamil Nadu

The meeting was informed that the services are live in three districts and STQC testing of pilot application is in progress. DeitY instructed the State to complete all the pilot activities including submission of UCs by 15th September, 2013. The State should submit the Project closure report by the end of September, 2013.

ix. Uttarakhand

PRSG reviewed the progress of the pilot project in the State and asked the State to rollout all the services by September, 2013 and submit the Closure report by 15th October, 2013 which was agreed by the State.

x. Uttar Pradesh

State apprised the status that STQC testing is in progress and the closure report will be submitted by 15th October, 2013.

xi. Kerala

State apprised PRSG that all pilot activities are complete and pilot closure report would be submitted by September end. The report would include all the pending Pilot UCs.

xii. Orissa

State conveyed that Pilot closure report is ready and due approvals being taken at the State level. The same will be submitted to DeitY by 15 September, 2013 along with pending UCs.

Note: (1) Jharkhand amnd Mizoram could not participate

AGENDA NO. 4: EXTENSION OF THE DURATION OF THE EDISTRICT PILOT PROJECT

7.   Based on the delibrations on progress of States as reported above, PRSG recommeneded that pilot projects be closed on priority basis in the following States:

a. Maharashtra
b. Assam
c. Mizoram
d. Madhya Pradesh
e. Kerala
f. Uttrakhand
g. Haryana
h. Uttar Pradesh

8.   As DeitY has to release balance amount to the pilot States, extention of duration of these pilot projects is required. Therefore PRSG recommended the extention of pilot projects of following States upto 31st December, 2013 without any addittional financial implications:

a. Bihar
b. Punjab
c. Jharkhand
d. Rajasthan
e. Tamil Nadu
f. Odisha

AGENDA NO. 5: RELEASE OF BALANCE AMOUNT TO STATES UNDER PILOT PROJECT

9. PRSG has recommeneded the release of balance amount to States (Bihar, Punjab, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu & Odisha) and NICSI under eDistrict Pilot Project subject to the clearance of UCs of pilot and other projects as mandated by DOE, OM dated 14.11.2012. For the sake of release and closing the pilot, PRSG has recommended the extension to pilot project till 31st December, 2013. States has to clear pending UCs, so as to avail the balance funds under pilot projects, subject to the overall outlay of the project.

AGENDA NO. 6: REVIEW OF PILOT CLOSURE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL

10. West Bengal conveyed that Pilot Project Closure Report has already been submitted by the State to DeitY. State has also submitted the Utilization Certificate under e-District Pilot Project. PRSG has reviewed the Pilot Project Closure Report submitted by the State of West Bengal and recommened to submit the same to IFD for further necessary action at their end. The State proposed that the excess expenditure of Rs. 16 lakhs may be approved. The State's request was considered on merits and PRSG opined that the financial outlay may not be changed at this stage.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure I

List of participants of the PRSG Meeting for e-District pilot Project held on 3rd September, 2013 at 2:00 PM in the room no 4009, 4th Floor, Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003.

1. Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Joint Secretary, DeitY
2. Shri. Gaurav Dwivedi, Director, DeitY
3. Shri. Pravin Chandekar, Additional Director, DeitY
4. Shri CSR Prabhu, NIC
5. Smt Gandhimati R, NICSI
6. Shri. V.K. Bhasin, STQC
7. Shri. Vishwadeep Srivastava, Senior Consultant, NeGD, Meeting convener
8. Shri. Koushlendra Singh, Asst. Manager, NeGD
9. Shri. Ramendra Verma, Project Manager, NPMU
10. Shri. Raghunath Krishnagiri, Senior Consultant, NPMU
11. Shri. Murad Butt, Consultant, NPMU
12. Shri Vijay Zade, Director, DoGR, Punjab
13. Shri Manpreet Singh, DoGR, Punjab
14. Shri Rajnish Malhotra,DoGR, Punjab
15. Participants from States (through Video Conference)