



Revised Guidelines For Mahila Mandal Protsahan Yojana Under Total Sanitation Campaign

Background:

Total Sanitation Campaign in Himachal Pradesh is being implemented in all the 12 districts of the State with the objective of improving the quality of life of the rural people and also to provide dignity to women. This Campaign envisages making the villages free from Open Defecation, ensuring School & Anganwari Sanitation, Establishing Sanitary Complexes exclusively for women and ensuring Total Environmental Sanitation in villages, as it is the women, children and the elderly population in the rural area which are most affected by the lack of Sanitation facilities. In order to give wide coverage to the goals of the State to provide Sanitation Facilities to all for a successful Sanitation campaign, the involvement of Government officials, CBOs, Gram Panchayats, Mahila Mandals and other Non-Governmental Organization is a pre-requisite who should be given some type of incentives for facilitating its sustainability.

Mahila Mandals (MMs) and their efficacy in the field of sanitation:

Mahila Mandals (MMs) which are the women social groups (CBOs) have been found to be effective communicators and channels of information with their near universal presence in the rural areas of Himachal Pradesh. Mahila Mandals in the State are the main functional groups in the field of Sanitation as females are prime motivators besides being user of the Sanitation facilities. Provision of toilet facilities ensure convenience and privacy to women children, sick and elderly people

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besides safety and security during night hours, hot afternoons, rainy and cold winter days. Women being the major stakeholders in the Total Sanitation Campaign can ensure sustainability of this campaign with the help of these Mahila Mandals.

Mahila Mandal Protsahan Yojana:

Government of Himachal Pradesh intends to harness the potential of these women groups and in order to strengthen the Mahila Mandals and to ensure their active involvement in the process of development, Government has instituted a Award scheme, **Mahila Mandal Protsahan Yojana**. The awards are given through Development Blocks for providing incentives to the Mahila Mandals, which excel in the field of Rural Development. As Himachal, is among the leading States in achievements in various social development goals, the state envisages achieving the target of 100 percent Sanitation much before the target set by the Government of India. In order to achieve this goal and also to ensure its sustainability, the role of the Mahila Mandals assumes much importance, more so when the State has fixed for itself the target of “Nirmal Himachal” by end of 2010.

Mahila Mandal Protsahan Yojana amended in the Year 2008 to meet the goals of Total Sanitation Campaign, requires further modifications in view the requirement of sustainability of the Campaign. Accordingly, the amended format of the MMPY would lay stress on other aspects of the Total sanitation Campaign like School & Anganwari Sanitation, Solid and Liquid Waste, Sustainability, their role in MVSSP and NGP besides ensuring ODF Communities.

The rewards proposed under the scheme are as under:-

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Each block will select maximum 5 No. of Mahila Mandal on the basis of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Position in the block. Amount available with the Block under the scheme will be disbursed on the following basis:

Mahila Mandal's Position	Amount to be disbursed
1 st Position	30% of total fund available with Block
2 nd Position	25% of total fund available with Block
3 rd Position	20% of total fund available with Block
4 th Position	15% of total fund available with Block
5 th position	10% of total fund available with Block

Revised Eligibility of Mahila Mandals for Claiming the Reward under the scheme:

The revised MMPY will include Mahila Mandals who have contributed in the Sanitation campaign and have worked in the areas of personal Hygiene, Sanitation and Dignity of women and also helped their GP in achieving the ODF status during the current financial year. The assessment would be based on the following points:

1. Conduct of IEC Campaign under Total Sanitation Campaign and to encourage cost effective and appropriate technologies for safe Sanitation.
2. Efforts for Construction of Individual House Hold Latrines and the awareness campaign launched among the rural women with special emphasis on personal Hygiene and Sanitation.
3. Construction of Community toilets, School toilets, Anganwari toilets and their maintenance.
4. Measures undertaken by the members of the Mahila Mandals to carry out safe disposal of Solid And Liquid Waste Management in the villages.

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	for reuse or recycle (e.g. collaborating with Kabaddi Bala etc.)	10	
5.	Maintenance of Open Defecation status		06
6.	Nirmal Gram Puruskar/State Award for the Gram Panchayat. i. Nirmal Gram Puruskar. ii. MVSSP Award Scheme.	05 06	11
7.	Number of trainings received/ carried out. i. Members of Mahila Mandal are actively involved in TSC? (one marks each for every ten women subject to maximum of 4 marks) ii. No. of member of Mahila Mandal's are trained as Master Trainers under TSC. (one marks each for every five women subject to maximum of 4 marks) iii. Number of trainings carried out by Mahila Mandal's (one marks each for every training subject to maximum of 4 marks)	04 04 04	12

Submission & Varification of claims

Those Mahila Mandals who fulfill the above parameters & eligibility for claiming the reward under the scheme will apply to the Block Level Committee consisting of the chairman Panchayat Samiti and Block Development Officer and LSEO as member Secretary of this committee .The block level committee will verify the claims of Mahila Mandals and will also carry out random physical verification of the claims to ascertain the correctness of claims.

The process of nomination /verification of Mahila Mandals under the reward scheme will be as under:-

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- Submission of claims by Mahila Mandals by 15th Dec.
- Verification of claims by the Block Level Committee By 10th Jan.
- Distribution of rewards at District/Sub Division Level 25th Jan.

Activities for which the Incentive money can be utilized:

Incentive money will be utilized by Mahila Mandal on the following activities:

1. Use of award money for creation of community level assets.
2. To procure utensils, carpet, furniture and musical instruments etc.
3. To organize cultural programmes and awareness camps for the economic development of the community.
4. To carry out study tours/ exposure visits with in the state.
5. For creation or augmentation of the facilities for the Solid and Liquid Waste Disposal.
6. For establishment of Sanitary Marts/ Production Centers for the supply of cheap and safe appropriate technologies out of the award money.
7. Contribution to the construction or maintenance of School Toilets/ Anganwari Toilets, Institutional Toilets and Community Sanitary Complexes can be allowed from the award money.
8. Mahila Mandals will also be allowed to use the award money for the training of Masons, Self Help Groups etc, for activities relating to Sanitation, such as Production of Sanitary Pans, Sanitary Napkins, etc.

Since sanitation denotes a comprehensive concept, which is expressed in clean home, community, institutions for better health and safe environment, the above restructured award scheme will go a long way in improving the Sanitation facilities in the rural area by the involvement of the most important stakeholder group i.e. Women.

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