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Dear *Ashutosh ji,*

As you may be aware, the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committees (DISHA) of the Ministry of Rural Development, constituted under the chairpersonship of Hon'ble Members of Parliament, are crucial platforms for efficiently monitoring the implementation of various Central Government programmes. In DISHA Committee meetings detailed discussions on the implementation of development programmes are taken place and further course of action are decided by involving all stakeholders. In fact, DISHA Committee meetings are fora for extending parliamentary oversight over the implementation of the Central Government Schemes. More than 4300 DISHA meetings, including 708 meetings in 2021-22 and 119 meeting during the current financial year, have already taken place across the country and the effectiveness of DISHA Committees is increasing day by day.

2. It has been noticed that the meetings of DISHA Committees in the Union Territories (UTs) are not being held regularly. During FY 2021-22, the UTs of Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Ladakh and Lakshadweep have not conducted even a single DISHA meeting whereas the UTs of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and Puducherry have conducted only 7% to 25% of the mandated number of DISHA meetings. Therefore, there is need to sensitize the UT Administrations concerned, particularly the District Collectors, to not only the hold the DISHA meetings on regular basis but also ensure the follow-up action on the decisions taken therein. Further, you may also consider advising the APAR recording authorities to incorporate their comments in the APARs of officials with regard to their performance in conducting regular DISHA meetings.

3. As holding of DISHA committees meetings is imperative for realizing the objectives of DISHA initiative, I would request your kind intervention for necessary directions to UTs for holding DISHA meetings as per the guidelines and ensuring the compliance of decisions taken in these meetings.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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