



No.: J-11011/4/2024-MEDIA-Part(1)

20th April, 2026

Dear Secretary,

Every year, the 24th of April is observed as the **National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD)** to commemorate the landmark 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, which gave constitutional status to Panchayati Raj Institutions. This year marks 33 years of that defining journey. Under the visionary and people-centric leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Panchayati Raj Institutions have scaled new heights, transforming into smart, digital, future-ready, and self-reliant units of local governance that are driving meaningful change in the lives of citizens across Grameen Bharat.

2. Building on the country's positive momentum, the Panchayati Raj ecosystem has grown in scale, strength, potential and purpose. With a total strength of over 32 lakh elected representatives, and nearly half of the current representatives being women, it stands as **the world's largest example of participatory democracy**.

3. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has had the privilege of working in close collaboration with Ministries and Departments across the Government in a true Whole-of-Government spirit, to amplify the transformative impact of Panchayati Raj across diverse spheres of sustainable development. This collective resolve has been decisive in carrying forward the aspirations of empowered Panchayats and vibrant Gram Sabhas as the bedrock of a Viksit Bharat.

4. In this spirit, I warmly invite your Ministry / Department to join the Ministry of Panchayati Raj in commemorating NPRD on 24th April, 2026. I would especially request that your Attached / Subordinate / Autonomous / Field Offices across the country be encouraged to participate actively, and that their officials join Gram Sabha meetings being organised on this occasion. Wherever Panchayati Raj Institutions play a role in the implementation of your Ministry's programmes and schemes, NPRD presents an apt occasion to celebrate those synergies and the shared contribution towards citizens' welfare.

5. I also solicit your valued support in amplifying the #NPRD2026 message through your Ministry's / Department's official social media platforms, by sharing and engaging with content available on the Ministry of Panchayati Raj's handles:

X (Twitter): https://x.com/MoPR_GoI

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfPanchayatiRaj>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/MinistryOfPanchayatiRaj>

Contd.....2/-

6. Such collaboration will contribute to the shared goal of building empowered, self-reliant Panchayats as a firm foundation for Viksit Bharat. I look forward to your Ministry's/ Department's active participation.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Vivek Bharadwaj)

All Secretaries to the Government of India
(as per the standard email / mailing list of GoI Secretaries)