



# 7-Star Rainbow Scheme

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The 7-Star Rainbow Scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana on 26th January 2018 with focus on improvising the working of Gram Panchayats in Haryana. In Haryana, there are 6204 Gram Panchayats, 140 Panchayat Samitis and 21 Zila Parishads. Gram Panchayats works under various constraints and limitations, still there are many outstanding performers among Panchayats all over the Haryana. To build models and to nurture Gram Panchayats, such panchayats need to be identified and encouraged.

It is important to incentivize Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to perform their role optimally. Due recognition of PRIs that perform their role well can (a) be an incentive for PRI representatives to improve PRI performance, (b) bring the issue of PRI performance into prominence and focus the attention of policy makers

To complement the efforts made by the Gram Panchayats, Development and Panchayats Department, Government of Haryana started the initiative to gauge the performance of the Gram Panchayats and give them rating in terms of Star. Hence, department envisaged the "7-Star Rainbow Scheme".

### 1.1 Objective

1. To encourage Gram Panchayats to maintain good Sex ratio.
2. To encourage Gram Panchayats to ensure zero drop out from school and ensuring good education to them.
3. To sustain swachta mission by way of maintaining Solid and Liquid waste management, disposal and utilization of waste, visible cleanliness and maintaining of Public toilets.
4. To ensure peace and prosperity in the Gram Panchayat.
5. To become environment friendly Gram Panchayat.
6. To ensure good governance in Gram Panchayat.
7. To ensure community development.

## 1.2 Coverage

The scheme will be implemented across the State of Haryana and all the Gram Panchayats of the State are eligible to nominate themselves for the Star rating.

## 1.3 Scheme Parameters

Gram Panchayats will be assessed on their performance in the following parameters which would be recognized with the “Star”.

- I. Sex Ratio
- II. Education and No Dropouts
- III. Hygiene and Sanitation
- IV. Peace and Harmony
- V. Environment Preservation
- VI. Good Governance
- VII. Social Participation

Also, each parameter will be given a specific colour which signifies the importance of that parameter. Following is the colour code for each parameter:

S. No.	Parameter	Colour
1	Sex Ratio	Pink Colour
2	Education and No Dropouts	Sky Blue Colour
3	Hygiene and Sanitation	White Colour
4	Peace and Harmony	Saffron Colour
5	Environment Preservation	Green Colour
6	Good Governance	Golden Colour
7	Social Participation	Silver Colour

## 2. METHODOLOGY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Gram Panchayats will nominate themselves for the 7- Star rating through online portal developed by the Development and Panchayats Department, Haryana.

Gram Panchayats will upload all the relevant documents related to each indicator of each parameter on the web portal before the cut-off date.

The Gram Panchayats who would like to nominate themselves for 7-Star Rainbow scheme will "Register" themselves by entering general information about their villages like:

- Name of Gram Panchayat, Block and District
- Name and contact details of Concern person filling the form
- Name of Sarpanch and its contact no. (valid phone no. as password will be sent at the no.)

Once the registration process gets over, GP can view the questionnaire and submit the desired details. GPs are required to provide the complete details and to fill the mandatory fields. Any incomplete details will not be considered.

Thereafter, HIRD resource persons will verify the claim of each Gram Panchayat based on the verification of record as well physical inspection.

Pseudo-dynamic rating would be done this year under the scheme. Frequency of verification of each parameter will be as shown below:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Frequency of verification</b>
1	Sex Ratio	One time at first month
2	Education/ Dropout	Twice at first month and final month
3	Hygiene & Sanitation	Monthly i.e. each month
4	Environment Preservation	Monthly i.e. each month
5	Peace & Harmony	Monthly i.e. each month
6	Social Participation	Monthly i.e. each month
7	Good Governance	Monthly i.e. each month

HIRD Resource Persons will update the verification status on the web portal wherein dynamic ranking of the Zila Parishad/ Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayat would be displayed.

Based on scoring, using a specific standard protocol administered by Haryana Institute of Rural Development, Nilokheri and State-Level Panchayat Performance Assessment Committee (SPPAC), the awards would be distributed as follows:

- Gram Panchayats scoring full marks in any of the Parameter would be facilitated with “Star” of that parameter.
- Panchayat Samiti will be given Star rating of those parameters in which 50% or more GPs of that Panchayat Samiti will obtain star rating. For example, if 50% or more GP of Panchayat Samiti obtain star rating in Sex Ratio parameter then that Panchayat Samiti will be given Sex Ratio Star.
- Zila Parishad will be given Star rating of those parameters in which 50% or more GPs of that Zila Parishad will obtain star rating. For example, if 50% or more GP of Zila Parishad obtain star rating in Peace and Harmony parameter then that Panchayat Samiti will be given Peace and Harmony Star.
- Every Panchayat i.e. Zila Parishad, Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayat receiving a “Star” would be rewarded.
- Gram Panchayats obtaining star in “Rare” category would be facilitated with special reward.
- Zila Parishad/Panchayat Samiti/Gram Panchayats obtaining stars in all 7 Parameter would be recognized as “7-Star Gram Panchayat” and would be eligible to put such star at the entrance gate of the Gram Panchayats.

The SPPAC Committee will oversee the entire process at State level and will finalise the GPs for 7-Star Award. The SPPAC Committee will finalise the venue and dates for the award ceremony.

### **3. QUESTIONNAIRE, INDICATORS AND MARKING SCHEME**

A set of criteria & indicators, questionnaire and marking scheme to be adopted appropriately by the Gram Panchayat in their context, for assessing PRIs have been developed by Development and Panchayats Department, Haryana in consultation with other line departments. These indicators would be improved over time on the basis of feedback and operationalization of the scheme.

Each parameter will have 100 mark which will be further divided into some indicators having different marks. Gram Panchayat would be assessed out of Max. 700 marks(i.e. 100 mark for each parameter). Gram Panchayat obtaining full 100 marks in any parameter will be given a Star rating related to that Parameter.

Questionnaire is annexed at Annexure 'A'.

### **4. AWARD**

Award Money for the each star rated Gram Panchayat will be given an award money of Rs. 1.00 Lac per star alongwith one momento and a certificate. The Award money may be utilized as untied fund by Sarpanch for any development works in its Gram Panchayat (GP).

Award Money for the each star rated Zila Parishad will be Rs. 10.00 lac per star per Zila Parishad and for each star rated Panchayat Samiti, it will be Rs. 5.00 lac per star per Panchayat Samiti.

In case any Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti fails to achieve any Star then in that case top three best performing Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti will be given a consolation prize.

District Development Panchayat Officers, Block Development Panchayat Officers and Gram Sachivs would also be recognized for their efforts. Under this, those Officials would be considered whose has remained at that GP or Block or District throughout the verification period. Department to consider to give special increment to the official as reward for their efforts.

## 5. COMMITTEE

There shall be a State-Level Panchayat Performance Assessment Committee (SPPAC) at the State Level. SPPAC will be the final authority for recommending Gram Panchayats for 7-Star awards. The Committee would select eligible Zila Parishad/ Panchayat Samiti/Gram Panchayats which achieves maximum scores in any of the 7 Parameters. Recommendations made by the HIRD that do not conform to the above stipulation will not be considered.

Following will be the composition of State-Level Panchayat Performance Assessment Committee (SPPAC):

S. No.	Department	Role
1	Hon'ble Minister, Development & Panchayats Department	Chairperson
2	Administrative Secretary, Development & Panchayats Department	Member Secretary
3	Administrative Secretary, Health & Welfare Department	Member
4	Administrative Secretary, Women & Child Development Department	Member
5	Administrative Secretary, School Education Department	Member
6	Administrative Secretary, Power Department	Member
7	Administrative Secretary, Forest Department	Member
8	Administrative Secretary, Home Affairs Department	Member
9	Administrative Secretary, Agriculture Department	Member
10	Director, Development & Panchayats Department	Member

## 6. THIRD PARTY VERIFICATION

HIRD will be designated as third party agency for the verification of the credentials of each parameter and freeze the marks as per record and physical inspection.



HIRD will depute their resource persons for this purpose. Also, it is to be ensured that no response person is assigned his/her home district as well as neighbouring district for impartial evaluation.

HIRD will prepare an objective evaluation criteria for this purpose.

Achievements against each parameter will updated by the Respurce Persons and will be published on the 7-Star Rainbow Scheme website. A dashboard that ranks the Panchayats periodically on a range of performance indicators would available on the 7-Star Rainbow Scheme website.

## **7. SCHEME FUNDING**

Department will formulate the scheme and get requisite funds allocated from the Finance Department.

## **8. CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING**

Haryana Institute for Rural Development, Karnal will provide the trainings to all the Sarpanches and officers of the department in regrad to filling up of questionnaire and process of 7-Star Rainbow Scheme.

## **9. DOCUMENTATION OF BEST PRACTICES**

Award wining or Star rated Gram Panchayats should prepare a short documentary on the best practices adopted by them for achieving the award so that it could be shown during the Capacity Building and Training. Further, these success stories may be shared with the State Headquarter so that they could be further sent to Ministry of Panchayati Raj, GoI.