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3.1 District Planning Committee

The 74th amendment to the Constitution made in 1992 mandated the establishment of DPC for consolidating the plans prepared by the Panchayats and Municipalities in the district, covering all activities such as health, education, public health, roads, police, etc., into an Integrated District Plan. All the three tiers of local administration viz. ZP, Block *Samitis* and GPs were to prepare an Annual Action Plan (AAP) at the beginning of each year and no work was to be taken up unless it was part of the AAP.

3.2 Perspective and Annual Plans

Audit scrutiny revealed that the DPC was constituted in November 2007 and the Five Year Perspective Plan of the district was prepared. It was, however, observed that the DPC approved the District Plan Scheme without considering the works of other departments such as Health, Education, Public Health, Roads, Police, etc. As such, there was no Integrated District Plan.

Audit findings on the functioning of DPC are as follows:

- DPC approved District Development Plan (DDP) without considering the totality of other available resources, especially on Centrally Sponsored Schemes.
- PRIs did not prepare any five year plan. PRIs did not prepare any AAP. DPC did not exhort them to do so.
- DPC held only six meetings against the requirement of holding 17 meetings during 2007-2012.
- Grant of ₹ 13.86 crore for year 2011-12 for 536 development works was released to the implementation agencies at the fag end of the year i.e. March 2012 due to late convening (January 2012) of the DPC meeting resulting in delay in execution of development works.

Thus, in the absence of an Integrated District Plan and inputs from blocks and GPs for various activities such as health, education, public health, irrigation, roads, police, etc., gaps in various development/programmes within the district remained unidentified with the result that felt needs of the various regions and communities within the district could not be addressed adequately. The DC agreed with the audit findings during the exit conference.

Recommendation

The Government/District Administration may consider:

- *preparing holistic Perspective and Integrated Plans for the district covering the activities of all the departments.*