

First prize at the Rajiv Gandhi Prashaskiya Gatimaanta Abhiyaan Award for 2012 to NRHM e-office

e-office of NRHM-Maharashtra has been awarded the first prize at the Rajiv Gandhi Prashaskiya Gatimaanta Abhiyaan Award for the year 2012-13. The award ceremony took place in Mantralaya on 28th March 2013 wherein a certificate along with cash prize of Rs.10.00 lakhs was handed over to the Shri Vikas Kharge, Commissioner (FW) and MD-National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Mumbai, by Hon.Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Prithviraj Chauhan in the presence of Hon. Deputy Chief Minister Shri Ajit Pawar.



Shri.Vikas Kharge- Commissioner (FW) & MD-NRHM receiving the award from Hon.CM & DCM

National Rural Health Mission is at the forefront in launching this virtually paperless system in order to give transparency and access to information on public administration processes, the thrust area of e-governance in the State. In order to ensure the sustainability of the e-file system in future as a permanent solution to physical file handling and movement, a GR of the Public Health Department, Govt.of Maharashtra was formulated and issued on 15 Feb. 2012.

The e-file System comprises of a systematic and stepwise process of distribution of routine letters, managing the Inward/Outward documents, smooth movements of files followed by remarks & decisions by the senior officials- *all through an online computing system*. More than 11,000 files have been cleared since last one year till end of December 2012 by around 270 officers from Mumbai and 225 from Pune. This facilitates faster file movements and saves a lot of time. This has brought about complete transparency in the office procedures thereby leading to faster decision making process.

Being a secured web based system; file clearance has become extremely easy particularly when the officers are on tour. Commissioner (FW) and Mission Director - NRHM cleared 701 files remotely when he was on one month election duty in Gujrat from 23 Nov 2012 to 21 December 2012 and 360 important files from Unao district of UP while on election duty for 21 days in February 2012. Financial transactions have become

easy and speedy due to the integration of e-banking with e-office. Payment proposals worth large amounts approved through e-office are made to vendors, employees and grant release to field offices by e-banking at the click of a button.

The entire department can trace & view the e-files at any stage while the employees can trace any order, file/document of his section through the search engine. The system also provides all necessary links such as E-mail, inward, outward, all necessary proformas & other related websites like NRHM, e-banking etc. on one single screen, thereby saving time in searching information at different locations.

As a positive impact of NRHM e-file system, many offices including various departments in Mantralaya, Directorate of Health Services, Mumbai, all State Public Health Bureaus across Pune, Brihan Mumbai Corporation and Collectorate, Sindhudurg have successfully replicated this system with our encouragement and guidance. It would soon be scaled up at Public Health Department offices of 8 Deputy Director Circles and Public Health Department offices in all 33 districts of the State (i.e CS and DHO Offices).

The Commissioner (FW) and MD-National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Mumbai, Shri.Vikas Kharage wholeheartedly acknowledged the support and guidance provided by Hon.Chief Secretary Shri.Banthia Sir and Hon.ACS (Public Health) Shri. Benjamin Sir and also proudly attributed the credit to his able team of senior officers and staff members for their untiring efforts and openness to accept new technological changes leading to its successful implementation.