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Accredited Statistical Volunteer-

A step to create work force to gather time stamped reliable data at the grassroots level

Statistics basically suffer at the ground level, where grassroots workers are usually not treated with respect for their painstaking venture. This has resulted in their unwillingness to devote themselves at work. A large number of vacancies coupled with overburden of work has led to ignorance of Statistical work at the grass root level. This has lot to do with the reliability and timeliness of data.

Little has been done to build appropriate system that could respond to generate reliable and time stamped data.

Bihar is moving with confidence to structure new system which could create a force at the ground level to generate time- stamped reliable data. It all started with conceptualization of Accredited Statistical Volunteer (ASV) at the lowest level of data collection. They will be compensated with work related honorarium. The Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Department of Planning and Development, Govt. of Bihar, Patna had invited the online Application for the impaneling of the Accredited Statistical volunteer with the co-operation of NIC. The DES has successfully received 3,02,107 Application for ASV.

Over three lakh person (with minimum Intermediate educational qualification) have registered for online empanelment. DES is in process of their accreditation through adequate training and fair examination to ensure quality of personal selected for this purpose. First phase of accreditation is likely to complete within two months with over 25000 ASV, at the rate of three ASV per panchayat.

Bihar is the first State of India, to implement volunteer services at the panchayat level for collecting and validation of data.

Accredited Statistical volunteer are supposed to provide total volunteer services to build-up the State. Hence forth, all large- scale surveys (census and sample) will be conducted within the stipulated time- frame without adversely affecting teaching or implementation time of Schemes. Bihar will be also able to provide honorarium packet to thousands of unemployed youths.