BOARD OF REVENUE FOR RAJASTHAN

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21ST CENTURY REVENUE ADMINISTRATION IN RAJASTHAN

• TRANSFORMATION IN RURAL ADMINISTRATION
  • Jan Dhan – Aadhar – BHIM applications
  • Universal Financial Inclusion
  • Direct benefits transfers/ huge increases in credit flows
  • Huge expansion in revenue administration
  • SDO courts in every tehsil and several new tehsils
    • – over 600 subordinate courts
  • Feedback from 4 districts inspected by Chairman Board of Revenue
    (in August-September 2017)
REVENUE ADMINISTRATION IN PALI DISTRICT

• 10 SDM offices/ 10 Tehsil offices – an inverted pyramid has emerged with 10 SDM’s supervising the work of 8 Naib Tehsildars
• SDO Courts are Rohat, Sumerpur, Rani, Raipur, Desuri and Marwar Junction have less than 300 court cases
• 14500 Cases u/s 91 of Rajasthan Land Revenue Act in last Kharif season
• 575 references under Abdul Rehman vs State of Rajasthan
• Land Ceiling cases continue to exist
• 1.87 lac cases disposed off during the revenue campaign
REVENUE ADMINISTRATION IN AJMER DISTRICT

- Large pendency in writing of Jamabandis (399)
- Large number of summons yet to be served in Ajmer Tehsil (1129)
- Large number of file records are to be submitted to Board of Revenue in Revision cases
- Timely replies to Legislative Assembly Questions (45) is a priority
- Revenue Campaign disposed off 2.87 lac cases but huge pendency of mutations exists
- Court work in several SDO Courts is below prescribed norms of 300 court cases
REVENUE ADMINISTRATION IN JODHPUR DISTRICT

• Huge case work in a majority of SDO Courts/ ACM courts
  • SDM Jodhpur – 2005 cases
  • SDM Phalodi – 1831 cases
  • SDM Osian 1442 case
  • SDM Bap – 1182 cases
  • ACM Jodhpur – 981 cases

• Large number of mutations at Tehsildar/ Naib Tehsildar level – 3000 mutations/ month
  • 70 percent of mutations are mortgage based

• Crop Cutting Experiments have risen exponentially (16.64 experiments/ patwari+ ILR)

• Pendency in writing Jamabandis
Revenue Administration is doing well, there are concerns about some of the ACMs not sitting regularly for court work.

Commendable progress in timely completion of record of rights for vikram samvat 2070.

Court work in SDO courts remains high.
LAND REFORMS IN 21ST CENTURY

• Digitization of land records in a single standardized format across various departments
• Overhauling litigation in land with reduced timelines and fast tracked courts and judicial processes
• Rationalizing stamp duty and reducing the burden of stamp duty.
• Streamlining property registration system and linking land records to stamp registration
• Streamlining the process to seize collateral under the SARFAESI Act
• Providing easy access to Government data and other land related information.

The emphasis on timely and updated land records for a farmer to use land as collateral is of critical important. Despite the revenue campaign the outstanding mutations at district level continues to be high.
GOVERNMENT’S PRIORITIES

STRENGTHENING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AT FIELD LEVEL

- Government has accorded high priority to creation of Sub Divisions in all Tehsil headquarters.
- There has also been upgradation of several additional/ sub-tehsils to full fledged tehsils.
- The State Budget 2017-18 has accorded significant resources for strengthening/ modernization of SDM offices, construction of tehsil offices and for procurement of vehicles.
- Vehicle procurement needs to be undertaken as sanctions have been issued to District Collectors for this purpose.
GOVERNMENT’S PRIORITIES

STREAMLINING COURT TIMINGS AND SITTINGS

• Sittings of the Revenue Courts must be held in timely and consistent manner. SDM courts must function from 1030 am to 1.30 pm from Monday to Wednesday. The ACM courts must function for 5 days a week from 1030 am to 1.30 pm from Monday to Friday
Transparency in Revenue Administration

- A major responsibility entrusted to revenue officers is court work. Two steps in this regard are:
  - All cause lists of the Courts of District Collector and Sub Divisional Officers may be placed on the RCMS portal.
  - All Court Judgments of Revenue Courts from Tehsildar Courts to Board of Revenue Courts to be placed on the RCMS portal.
THRUST AREAS FOR BOARD OF REVENUE

• MAJOR CAMPAIGN IN REFERENCE CASES
  • The Board of Revenue’s campaign for expediting 7498 reference cases of Abdul Rehman vs State of Rajasthan is progressing well
  • Summons notices have been served in 6000 cases
  • Number of reference cases being heard by Members has increased

• MAJOR CAMPAIGN IN REVISION CASES
  • Judicial section is identifying cases where case files have been received for expeditious disposal
  • Judicial section is identifying cases where case files have been called and yet to be received
2 BIG DIGITAL STEPS PROPOSED

- Place all cause lists and judgments in public domain
- Linking Sub-Registrar offices with Tehsil offices for faster mutations
THE BENEFITS OF TRANSPARENCY IN REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

- Ease of monitoring of Revenue Courts
- Ease of information sharing with millions of petitioners
- Identifying simplistic solutions like additional camp courts in sub divisions which are over burdened
- Hand holding of weaker revenue courts
- Interactions with the Bar Councils in districts where several sub-divisions have only visiting advocates
ROAD MAP AHEAD

- Transparency in revenue courts/ faster disposal in reference cases/ revision cases
- Adequate preventive vigilance measures to be put in place
- Inspection of high case load sub-divisions by Members of Board of Revenue
- Hand holding of young SDO’s to motivate them for taking up Court Work on priority and providing speedy justice
- Timely inspections of Revenue Appellate Authorities courts
- Build Teams/ Bring in new ideas – so that we are in a position to have control on the burgeoning case loads
EXPERIENCE SHARING OF A DIGITAL SUCCESS STORY
“My stint at AIIMS was one of the greatest challenges of my career…to streamline processes and enhance administrative efficiency in an institution of national importance.”

V. Srinivas IAS (1989)
DIGITAL AIIMS – HIGH RECOGNITION

- The Digital AIIMS project is remarkable for simplification of a complicated hospital governance model of AIIMS. It was feasible because of the synergy generated between AIIMS, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, the National Informatics Center and the Tata Consultancy Services. The Digital AIIMS has benefitted 55 lac patients in the period July 2015 to April 2017.

- The Digital AIIMS has the largest footprint of Digital India projects, has received a number of leadership excellence awards and has been cited by the Department of Administrative Reforms amongst India’s most innovative projects for the period 2015-17.
PAN INDIA REPLICABILITY

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has taken up the Digital AIIMS project for pan India replication, in all Central Government Hospitals. Several State Governments have come forward to take up the project for replication in their State Medical Colleges and District Hospitals. The project’s success needs to be gauged in the background that it has been implemented in India’s largest functional hospital where the administrative innovations can easily be crowded out by the challenges of day to day governance.
A FEW FILMS


PRIME MINISTER’S INDEPENDENCE DAY ADDRESS
15/08/2016
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_P8cBQ4mSz&t=2s
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