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Dear *Sh. Aseem Gupta*

As you are aware the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has been making efforts to bring in transparency, efficiency and accountability in the functioning of Panchayats through use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The Ministry has been recognizing the efforts of the States/UTs in facilitating use of ICT by the Panchayats through conferring the e-Puraskars.

The performance assessment parameters for monitoring efficient utilization of e-Applications, i.e. both Panchayat Enterprise Suite (PES) Applications and State specific Applications had been developed for the performance year 2016-17. Further, the States were classified into three categories as States/UTs using PES Applications and States/UTs having similar functionality Applications.

The submissions made by the State Governments through the MIS developed for the purpose, were evaluated by the Evaluation Committee. It gives me immense pleasure to inform that **Maharashtra** has been assessed as the top performing State in facilitating use of ICT tools for empowering the Panchayats and has been awarded the **Third prize** under **Category - I**. The MoPR commends and applauds the efforts made by the State Government of **Maharashtra** in furthering objective of empowering the grassroots level local self-governments.

The Ministry hopes that this recognition will encourage all the functionaries & officials working in the State implement the e-governance activities for empowering the Panchayati Raj Institutions to achieve greater heights in the coming years.

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

  
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