

NE GPs deprived from Nirmal Gram Puraskar



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While the president of India Pratibha Patil gives away 1069 Nirmal Gram Puraskar today in Guwahati and the state of Assam receives a handsome packages of 23000 crore from the union rural and development to meet the total sanitation goal by 2012, the rest states of NE said that the sanitation programme is missing in their sector as they also need to meet new packages by the centre.

The complain comes from the northeastern state of Manipur who receive only one award which is a debut for them too. The state of Manipur tried hard to reach the norms of total sanitation this year and was hoping that atleast there will be fifteen GPs will be awarded this time, said the Mokolu GP member of Manipur Shurav Chandra Singh. Singh informed that the GPs in Manipur has been given mobile and motor bike services initiated by the GP itself to meet the total sanitation awareness in the state but the reason to nominate only one GP for the award is something questionable.

"There are more than 30 GPs who are now in the best position in Manipur like rest of the country in sanitation but centre choose only one which is disappointing. Even Assam has got some healthy packages to run their movement flawless but why we are deprives even when we want our services also to be noted by the authority", grieved Shurav.

The complain also persists in Assam when a local villages got disappointed by the ministry even after doing the best among the state. The Borohi GP of Sivsagar district got the news of their not nomination only day before yesterday when another GP from Jorhat is been nominated against them.

"Its simply a conspiracy, the chief minister belongs to Jorhat and he selected the other GP only on that ground. Borohi GP is one of the finest service provider of the total sanitation movement and still its missing from the list. We have done everything by door to door service and provide highest quality of latrine and urinal facility even on deficit budget. All the villagers are now happy and healthy. But the reason for not selecting us is somewhere mysterious", informed Prakash Dolei, member of Borohi GP. Dolei also said that the GP will still work hard to reach the nomination next year but the the disappointment is damaging a little moral of the workers this time", he said.

Among the northeastern states, Sikkim has the highest 37 award-winning GMs, with Tripura winning in 30 GMs, Assam in 14 GMs, Meghalaya in 11 GMs, Mizoram and Nagaland in 8 GMs each, Arunachal in four GMs. "Nirmal Gram Puraskar" is a community-based incentive scheme, which had been started by the Central Government as one of the major initiatives for the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) attaining full sanitation coverage.

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