

Press Release
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Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay signed performance agreements (PA) with the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Gyalyong Tshogkhag today.

Thanking the officials from the two ministries, Government Performance and Management System (GPMS) task force members, officials from the Cabinet Secretariat and the media, who had assembled to witness the signing, Lyonchhen congratulated the officials from the two ministries and said that with the signing of these two PAs, a total of 36 PAs have been signed as of now.

Three months after taking office, the Prime Minister signed 10 PAs with the ministries, 20 with the Dzongdags of all Dzongkhags and 6 with the heads of various autonomous agencies in the country.

Addressing the officials assembled for the event, Lyonchhen reiterated that the performance agreements signed between the Prime Minister and the ministries meant that they would be able to identify their objectives and evaluate their performances. It would help in assessment of their results and therefore, all civil servants would be able to identify with their performances. If the results are not optimal, the performers could come up with appropriate measures to address the faults and correct them.

Lyonchhen also announced that the GPMS would be taken over the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) henceforth. Similarly, Government to Citizen services (G2C) would also come under the PMO's supervision.

Lyonchhen further iterated that signing of performance agreements was not force by any means. Instead, it was a way to have a ministry achieve its own particular targets.

Lyonchhen also conveyed that most people were anxious and concerned about the budget allocation. He said that, the objectives mentioned in the agreements were not, by any means, imposed by him. Instead, it was the ministry/dzongkhag/autonomous agencies' own targets. If they were reluctant to commit and are in doubt that all objectives cannot be achieved, the Prime Minister must be duly apprised on it. Lyonchhen reiterated his commitment to the ministries and said that the government will provide the necessary support and resources required for efficient delivery of results.

Lyonchhen highlighted on the importance of setting targets, achieving desired outcomes and contributing toward efficient public service delivery. He added that the results would contribute greatly toward the nation's overall development. This, Lyonchhen asserted would be major leap toward realizing our Monarchs' noble visions. Lyonchhen informed that during His Majesty the

Fourth Druk Gyalpo's 60 Birth Anniversary celebrations, it could be a gift from the people to His Majesty.

Meanwhile, Lyonpo Namgay Dorji further reaffirmed his commitments to work towards achieving their ministry's ambitions described in the annual performance agreement.

In addition, Lyonpo Rinzin Dorji said that the ministry would take this opportunity very seriously and deliver well.