

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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EMPOWERMENT OF PANCHAYATS
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Ministry of Panchayat Raj to set up a fund to provide help for the purpose of empowerment of Panchayats in the various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has granted permission for the Constitution of the said fund;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM

(a)to(e) : Yes, Sir. A proposal for the creation of an incentive fund for the empowerment of Panchayats is under the consideration of the Government of India and the modalities for operationalizing this fund are being worked out by the Planning Commission.