

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES TO PANCHAYATS

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortfall of Officers/Officials at Panchayat Block Samiti and Zila Parishad levels in the country including Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) is so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether there is lack of basic infrastructure facilities like office space, computerization of panchayats and training of various representatives/ officials of the Panchayati Raj to meet the requirements of all Gram Panchayats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (Dr. C.P. JOSHI)

(a) & (b): Information regarding availability and shortfall of officers/ officials at the 3 tiers of Panchayats is not maintained in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

(c) & (d): Many Panchayats have deficiencies in infrastructure and the States are being persuaded to meet them in a time bound manner. As regards the training of Panchayat representatives and officials, Ministry of Panchayati Raj provides funds to the State Governments or their nominated agencies under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) and Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSY). Year-wise details of funds released under these schemes are as follows:

Amount in Rs. Crore

Scheme - Component	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Total
(upto 02.03.2010)				

BRGF - Capacity Building	121.32	135.65	190.64	447.61
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RGSY - Training	30.01	48.32	28.18	106.51
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RGSY - Infrastructure	16.22	0.00	4.94	21.16
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