

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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PANCHAYAT MAHILA EVAM YUVA SHAKTI ABHIYAN  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) the salient features of the Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan Scheme;
- (b) the amount allocated to the above scheme and their utilisation by the States;
- (c) whether any irregularities have been done in sanctioning of funds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to ensure full utilisation of the funds?

**Answer**

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

(a): The main objectives of Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan are as follows :-

- (i) To enable Women Panchayat Leaders to come together,
- (ii) To articulate their problems as women Panchayat leaders,
- (iii) Discuss issues regarding the institutional mechanisms for their empowerment,
- (iv) Come up with a charter of issues to be mainstreamed into policy and advocacy support so that their concerns are addressed by the process of development adopted by the State and the three-tier PRI system.

The Scheme has two components namely, Panchayat Mahila Shakti Abhiyan and Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan. Activities under the PMEYSA include holding of State Sammelans and Divisional / District level Sammelans of Elected Women Representatives, formation of Associations, setting up of State Support Centers, sensitization programmes for the Elected Women Representative and Elected Youth Representatives.

(b): This is a demand driven Scheme and the funds are released to the States on the basis of their justified request / proposals. During the year 2009-10, the amount utilized was to the tune of Rs. 2.40 crore against the allocation in RE 2009-10 which was Rs. 2.60 crore.

(c) & (d): No irregularities have been reported in the sanctioning of funds. However, the States have been advised from time to time for proper implementation of the Scheme with a view to ensure that the funds released to them are utilized appropriately.