

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:211

ANSWERED ON:10.03.2011

FUNDS FOR PANCHAYATS

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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the funds allocated and utilized by Panchayati Raj Institutions for infrastructure development and rural connectivity under various Central Government schemes during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase allocation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has taken note of complaints/ irregularities/ mismanagement of funds by the States including Kerala and West Bengal during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 211, DUE FOR REPLY ON 10.03.2011, REGARDING FUNDS FOR PANCHAYATS

(a): Ministry of Panchayati Raj administers the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) programme wherein the untied development grants can be utilized by the Panchayats, Municipalities and other local bodies for bridging critical gaps in local infrastructure which includes development of rural connectivity. The grants released and expenditure reported under BRGF are enclosed.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) and (e): This Ministry has received complaints in respect of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, etc. Such complaints have been referred to the State Governments concerned for necessary action.

Annex

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.211, due for reply on 10.3.2011 regarding Funds for Panchayats.

Funds Released and Expenditure Reported Under Deveopment Grant Component of BRGF (As on 07.03.2011)

(Rs. crore)

Year Funds Released Expenditure Reported  
to States by States

2007-08	2521.67	2490.69
2008-09	2893.53	2461.42
2009-10	3344.32	2957.84
2010-11	3481.55	1289.07