

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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RECRUITMENT IN PANCHAYAT SECRETARIAT
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Gram Panchayats in the country alongwith their employment generation potential in the villages;
- (b) whether action has been taken to undertake mass recruitment drive for manning various posts in the Panchayat Secretariats of each State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the pattern of sharing of expenditure in this behalf between the Union and the States; and
- (d) the number of personnel likely to be offered employment under this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

- (a):There are 240634 Gram Panchayats in the country. Considering their large number and shortage of manpower, there is huge employment generation potential in the Panchayats.
- (b) to (d):Panchayati Raj being a state subject, it is for the States to arrange for staffing in the three tier Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The Union Government does not share the expenditure in this behalf. However, to improve the functioning of Panchayats and better implementation of schemes, schemes such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) etc. provide for engagement of staff by the PRIs on contract basis. Many States have availed these provisions.