

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN PANCHAYATI RAJ PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the Panchayati Raj programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

- (a): A Central Sector Scheme called Rural Business Hubs (RBHs) based on the principle of Public-Private-Panchayat-Partnership is being implemented by this Ministry from the year 2007-08 for promoting manufacturing of products using raw materials / skills available in the rural areas.
- (b): This Scheme is applicable in all the BRGF districts and all the districts in the North Eastern Region. Setting up of RBHs is primarily done through convergence of resources from various ongoing Schemes.
- (c): Assistance under the Scheme is provided by this Ministry for professional support services, training / skill development and for purchase of minor equipments. So far, financial assistance has been released by this Ministry for 72 projects in different States.