

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL POLICY ON STRENGTHENING OF PRIS

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any National Policy on development and strengthening of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the country especially in the backward region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether an amount of more than Rs. 4000 crores is required to strengthen PRIs in country as per the assessment made by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details of the said assessment;
- (e) whether any assessment has been made regarding the funds required for the revival of PRIs in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj supports strengthening of Panchayats through its various schemes. It operates the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) in 250 backward districts of the country. Untied funds are given for meeting critical gaps in local infrastructure and other development requirements. BRGF also aims to strengthen Panchayats through its capacity building component. Under the scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swarozgar Yojana (RGSY) financial assistance is provided to the non BRGF districts for capacity building and construction of Panchayat Ghars. The e-Panchayat scheme strengthens Panchayats by e-enabling. Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan (PMEYSA) focuses especially on Elected Women Representatives.

(c) to (f): The strengthening of PRIs in the country is a multi-dimensional process. There can be no single assessment of the funds for this as these would depend on the initiatives intended to be undertaken.