

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING OF ELECTED PANCHAYAT REPRESENTATIVES
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government provide assistance to States for training of elected representatives and functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the State-wise financial assistance provided thereunder and number of representatives benefited therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the State-wise details of training institutes running in the country, including in Maharashtra for the said purpose;
- (d) whether the Government has made any review to ascertain the impact of such programmes on the functioning of elected representatives in PRIs;
- (e) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (f) the monitoring mechanism put in place to check functioning of these training programmes?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) provides assistance to States for training of Elected Representatives (ERs) and functionaries of Panchayats under Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF), Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSY) and Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan (PMEYSA). The State-wise details about the financial assistance provided under these schemes during the last three years and the current year is at Annex. As per data compiled by MoPR, a total of 11.07 lakh, 19.40 lakh and 15.18 lakh representatives benefited from these programmes in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.
- (c): The State Institutes of Rural Developments (SIRDs) are generally the nodal agency in States including Maharashtra for undertaking training programme of ERs and functionaries of Panchayats. In many States, the SIRDs have associated with professional agencies to augment their capacities as well as implement training programmes through Extension Training Centres (ETCs), District Training Centres (DTCs) and Panchayati Raj Training Institutes (PRTIs) etc.
- (d) & (e): Evaluations of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme and the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSY) indicated that training programmes for ERs improved their conceptual clarity and functional capability.
- (f): MoPR monitors training programmes through progress reports, utilization certificates, audit reports, periodic communications, meetings, workshops etc. The training modules are revised from time to time by State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs). An online system of monitoring of physical and financial progress is also in place for this purpose.