

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING OF PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any fresh measures to make panchayat system more efficient and strong in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the Twelfth Five Year Plan for the said purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): To strengthen the Panchayati Raj system and increase its efficiency the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has provided assistance to States for capacity building of Panchayats through the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSY), Capacity Building grant of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) and Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan (PMEYSA) and promoted e-enablement of Panchayats through the e-Panchayat scheme. An untied grant is provided to Panchayats through States for bridging critical gaps in local infrastructure in identified backward districts on the basis of decentralized planning under BRGF. MoPR has incentivized States through the Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS) for devolving funds, functions and functionaries to Panchayats and has incentivized Panchayats for performance. For the Twelfth Plan MoPR has initiated the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan which enables States to take measures to strengthen their Panchayati Raj systems as per their needs.

(c) to (e): For the 12th Five Year Plan Period Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) to the tune of Rs. 6437 crore has been provided by Planning Commission as against the GBS of Rs 876.37 crores in the Eleventh Plan.