

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a separate fund for the empowerment of panchayats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is no proposal to set up a separate fund as such for the empowerment of Panchayats. However, a new scheme called Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) is proposed to be launched during the 12th Five Year Plan Period for the overall development of Panchayats.

(c): The Planning Commission has given 'in principle' approval to the scheme. Final approvals for this scheme have not yet been obtained.