

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING IN PANCHAYAT HEADQUARTER
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any programme to construct an administrative building in the headquarters of each gram panchayat under the concept of 'Gram Sarkar';
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the financial assistance provided and utilised by the State/UTs for the purpose during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any targets in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken or proposed by the Government to achieve the said targets?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There is no programme in Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) under the concept of Gram Sarkar for construction of buildings for Panchayats. However, MoPR provides financial support to the States under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSY) for taking up construction of the Gram Panchayat buildings. The details of grant released/ utilised by the States under this scheme is at Annexure. In addition to RGSY, MoPR also provides funds to States under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) which are in the nature of untied grants for Panchayats to undertake works based on felt local needs including construction of Panchayat Ghars. The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) is also providing funds from Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme (MGNREGS) for construction of Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendras etc.

(d) to (f): The RGSY scheme is demand driven in nature and funds are released against valid as well as reasonable proposals submitted by the State Government according to scheme guidelines.