

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL GRAM SABHA  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is organising Special Gram Sabha on women issues and their problems; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh and the response received so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRIV. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has advised States and UTs to hold meetings of Mahila Sabhas and Special Gram Sabhas dedicated to women & related issues. However, the final decision in this regard vests with States and Panchayats. As per replies received from some States, several States have advised their concerned Panchayats to hold special Gram Sabhas accordingly. Elections to Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh have been held up, and Government of Andhra Pradesh has not reported such Gram Sabhas.