

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:297  
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2013  
STRENGTHENING OF PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS .  
Tanwar Shri Ashok

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

- (a) the existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented for the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to implement a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA);
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of earlier schemes proposed to be subsumed under RGPSA and its likely impact on the growth of panchayats as a result thereof; and
- (d) the funds earmarked under the RGPSA during the 12th Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (d) REPLY OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 297 DUE FOR REPLY ON 30.08.2013, REGARDING STRENGTHENING OF PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS

(a) & (b): The only Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented by this Ministry for the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) at present is the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) which has been approved in March, 2013. This scheme has been under implementation since financial year 2012-13. Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) also implements the Backward Regions Grant Fund which is an Additional Central Assistance (ACA) as well as the schemes of Media and Publicity and Action Research and Research Studies, which are Central Sector Schemes.

(c): RGPSA aims to strengthen Panchayats across the country. It supports need based activities of the States including administrative and technical expertise at Gram Panchayats, capacity building & training, e-enablement of Panchayats, Gram Panchayat buildings, Panchayat processes etc. The erstwhile schemes of this Ministry subsumed under the scheme of RGPSA from the year 2013-14 are Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSY), Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan (PMEYSA), Panchayat Empowerment & Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS), Resource Support to States (RSS) and e-Panchayat. The scope of RGPSA is wider than the previous schemes of the Ministry and it enables holistic and context specific enablement of Panchayats.

(d) The Planning Commission has provided a Gross Budgetary Support of Rs. 11,547 crore for the Twelfth plan period, which is mainly to be spent on RGPSA.