

**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 had formulated a five point programme with a view to strengthening the Panchayati Raj System;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for failure of the Government in implementing the said five point programme and achieving the target set under the programme; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen the Panchayati Raj System?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has undertaken several initiatives to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system. However, there is no specified five point programme for strengthening the Panchayati Raj System.
- (c): Does not arise in view of reply given above.
- (d): With a view to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system across the country and address critical gaps that constrain it, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) has been undertaken. The scheme includes provision of administrative and technical support at the Gram Panchayat level, provision of infrastructure, training etc. to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system.