

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL POLICY ON PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government plans to frame a National Policy on development and strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs); and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has undertaken the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) during 12th Five Year Plan. RGPSA aims to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system across the country. It provides for capacity building and training of Elected Representatives and Panchayat functionaries, construction of Panchayat Ghars, provisions of administrative and technical support to Gram Panchayats, building of training infrastructure, e-enablement of Panchayats and support for Panchayat processes. MoPR implements the district component of Backward Region Grant Funds (BRGF) in 272 backward districts of the country. Under BRGF, untied funds are given for meeting critical gaps in local infrastructure and other development requirements on the basis of plans prepared by Panchayats.