

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether direct funding to Panchayats and Municipalities through local bodies is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to evolve a suitable mechanism to impart training to the elected representatives of local bodies in the realm of Governance and skill development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (Dr. C.P. JOSHI)

(a): No Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) and (d): Under the capacity building component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme and the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSY), the Government of India releases funds for planning and implementation of training programmes by the State Governments through Institutions such as the State Institutes of Rural Development and NGOs.