

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
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RGPSA

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently introduced Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) Scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the Scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from States under RGPSA; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) aims to strengthen Panchayats across the country. It supports need based activities of the States to strengthen Panchayats in their context on the basis of plans prepared by the States. RGPSA allows a range of activities including administrative and technical expertise at Gram Panchayats, capacity building & training, e-enablement of Panchayats, Gram Panchayat buildings, support for Panchayat processes etc. States are also encouraged to devolve powers to Panchayats and put in a place a system for increasing their accountability.

(c) & (d) Proposals have been received from 27 States/ UTs and out of those 26 have been considered and approved by the CEC with some modifications.