

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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GRAM PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is directly supporting any of the Gram Panchayats in any part of the country for running any central scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to support the Gram Panchayats throughout the country for some of the projects which are directly linked with the villages from the central fund;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a)to(f): The Ministry of Rural Development implements centrally sponsored schemes for rural development and poverty alleviation, through the State Governments and Union Territories Administrations. The funds are released under the schemes as per the programme guidelines. However, the Panchayati Raj Institutions including the Gram Panchayats play crucial role in the implementation of the major programmes of the Ministry. There is no such proposal to support the Gram Panchayats throughout the country for some of the projects which are directly linked with the villages from the central fund.