

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH PROCESS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has asked the local organizations to conduct the research process as part of the Action Research and Research Studies (AR&RS) Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to expand the scope of the above - mentioned scheme to include multimedia documentation techniques in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

- (a) & (b) Under the scheme Action Research & Research Studies, numerous research / action research studies have been conducted by research organizations as per the provision of the scheme. The research studies conducted include preparation of the Devolution Index on the basis of which States are given prizes for the devolution of powers and responsibilities to Panchayats, detailed study on Elected Women Representatives, compliance of State laws on PESA, functioning of Nyaya Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh etc.
- (b) There is no proposal to expand the scope of the scheme further.
- (c) Does not arise.