

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to implement a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA);
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of earlier schemes proposed to be subsumed under RGPSA and its likely impact on the growth of panchayats as a result thereof; and
- (d) the funds earmarked under the RGPSA during the 12th Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

- (a) Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has been implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) and Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA). The scheme of BRGF is being implemented in 272 identified districts of the country.
- (b) The scheme of RGPSA was launched in 2012- 13 and is being implemented by State Governments to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions in the State.
- (c) In RGPSA, the erstwhile schemes of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSY), Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan (PMEYSA), Resource Support to States (RSS), e-Panchayat, Panchayat Accountability and Incentive Scheme (PEAIS) have been merged. On the basis of Annual Plans received from 27 States/ UTs, financial assistance has been provided to them inter-alia for engaging administrative & technical staff, construction of Gram Panchayat Bhawans, creation of training infrastructure and training of Elected Representatives (ERs) and Panchayat functionaries (PFs) at the level of State, District, Block etc. The support provided by the scheme has led to :
 - (i) increased availability of dedicated personnel at GP level
 - (ii) availability of office space for functioning of GPs
 - (iii) capability development of PRIs to take up their development functions and responsibilities
- (d) The total plan allocation provided for the scheme of RGPSA for the 12th Five Year Plan Period is Rs. 11270.00 crores.