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LOK SABHA**

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ACTION RESEARCH AND RESEARCH STUDIES SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) The salient features of Action Research and Research Studies Scheme;
- (b) The total number of study projects sanctioned so far since the inception of the scheme and the amount of funds allocated for the same, year wise;
- (c) Whether the study projects were sanctioned with respect to in-depth analyses and documentation of experiences in Panchayati Raj Institutions in Maharashtra; and;
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a) Action Research and Research Studies (AR&RS) scheme provides financial support to academic institutions and research organizations having specialized experience in research and evaluation in the areas of Panchayati Raj. Studies under action research are intended to provide an in-depth analysis of long-term issues and impacts and experiences in Panchayati Raj across the country. Through the scheme of action research & research studies, the Ministry supports intellectual efforts to identify crosscutting policy issues that affect Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and to communicate these findings to Panchayats, State Governments and the concerned Ministries in the Government of India for necessary corrections, if any, in the existing programmes and schemes.

(b) Year wise number of study projects sanctioned and funds allocated under the scheme are as under:

S. No.	Year	Number of Studies Sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	Budget Allocation
1	2007-08	15	3.00
2	2008-09	10	3.00
3	2009-10	18	3.00
4	2010-11	7	1.40
5	2011-12	5	1.55
6	2012-13	6	2.00
7	2013-14	4	3.00
8	2014-15	1	2.00

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.