

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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Allocation under Twelfth Plan
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Twelfth Five Year Plan has provided sizeable resources to the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the provisions made during the said Plan and its comparison with that of the previous Plan ; and
- (c) the manner in which the resources provided in the Twelfth Five Year Plan are proposed to be utilized ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a)& (b): An outlay of Rs.40,853 crores was allocated to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) as against the outlay of Rs. 24,986 crores during 11th Plan (2007-12) period.

(c): Ministry of Panchayati Raj, till 2014-15, was implementing two major Schemes namely (a) Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA), and (b) Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). Under RGPSA, grants-in-aid was provided to States/UTs based on approved annual plans, for strengthening the Panchayats to become self-government. Under BRGF, untied grants were provided to State Governments based on the annual district plans duly approved by the District Planning Committees, to fill certain critical gaps in the identified backward districts of the States.

The State component of RGPSA and the BRGF programme has been transferred to State Governments from 2015-16 and the budget allocation for the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for 2015-16 is kept at R.94.00 crores compared to the Budget Estimate of Rs. 7000.70 crores for 2014-15.
