

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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Incentives to Panchayats  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the Panchayats which have been given incentives in the country under the Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme since its inception, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the above scheme is going to be continued;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the improvement, if any, that the Government has proposed for this scheme?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ  
(SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a) Incentives have been given to the best performing Panchayats under the Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS) since 2011-12. From 2013-14, PEAIS has been subsumed in the Central Component i.e. National Plan for Technical Assistance (NTPA) of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA). The year-wise incentives given to Panchayats in various States from 2011-12 to 2014-15 are annexed respectively at Annexure-I, Annexure-II, Annexure-III and Annexure-IV.

(b) & (c) : Provision exists in the Budget Estimates (2015-16) for Central Component of RGPSA to support various programmes of the National Plan for Technical Assistance including Panchayat incentivization.

(d): Improvement and refinement of criteria and indicators for selection of best performing Panchayats is a continuous policy intervention adopted from time to time. Thematic awards have been introduced from the current year.

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