

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:309  
ANSWERED ON:23.03.2017  
Evaluation of Various Programmes  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- a) Whether his Ministry has evaluated the performance various schemes / programmes under implementation during the last one year;
- b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- c) The funds allocated to those schemes / programmes during the last five years, scheme / programme-wise;
- d) The details of funds spent during the above period and the reasons for under-utilization, if any, scheme / programme-wise; and
- e) The steps being taken by the Ministry to utilize the entire allocation of funds for schemes/programmes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) To (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (e) IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 309 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2017 REGARDING EVALUATION OF VARIOUS PROGRAMMES.

a) to (e) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has implemented the scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) that was launched in 2012-13, under which the States/UTs were supported for capacity building of Elected Representatives, Panchayat Functionaries and other stakeholders besides infrastructure support to PRLs. The other major scheme i.e. district component of Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) was being implemented in selected 272 backward districts of the country during 2006-07 to 2014-15. However, the State Component of RGPSA and district component of BRGF was delinked from Central Assistance w.e.f. 2015-16. The other smaller schemes being implemented by the Ministry included Mission Mode Project on e-Panchayat, Incentivisation of Panchayats, Media & Publicity and Action Research & Research Studies.

A Committee under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog has been constituted to evaluate the earlier schemes of the Ministry and restructure the scheme of RGPSA. The scheme/programme wise details of allocation and utilization of funds during the last five years is at Annexure-I.

The funds with reference to the allocation made available to the Ministry as per revised estimates under the major programmes of RGPSA and BRGF have by and large been fully utilized. Under schemes such as Action Research & Research Studies there has been a shortfall in utilization of allocation as the desired number of suitable research proposals was not received. Similarly, under Media & Publicity scheme there was a shortfall of expenditure during 2014-15 as the National Panchayati Raj Day programme was not organized because of election year.

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