

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented for strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch a new scheme for the empowerment of Panchayats in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

a) This Ministry has been implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely, Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) and Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) for strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country. The scheme of RGPSA aims at strengthening Panchayats across the country by supporting their need based activities like Administrative and Technical Support, Construction and Repair of Panchayat Ghars, Capacity Building and Training of Elected Representatives of Panchayats and Panchayats Functionaries, Institutional Structure for Capacity Building and Training, Information, Education and Communication, etc. The scheme is implemented with sharing pattern of 75:25 between the Central Government and the States other than North-Eastern states and of 90:10 between the Central Government and the States in North-Eastern Region. The BRGF programme is being implemented in 272 identified backward districts of the country, broadly aims at increasing the capacity and training of the Elected Representatives and Panchayat Functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions and for filling certain critical gaps. BRGF programme is a 100% Central Government grant.

- b) There is no such proposal under consideration of this Ministry.
- c) Does not arise.