

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOUTH S PARTICIPATION  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage the participation of youth in the effective implementation of Panchayati Raj System in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a) to (c): The Union Government encourages the participation of all sections of society including women and youth in Panchayats. Under the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA), a flagship programme of the Government, the Central Government provides funds to States to strengthen Panchayats and make their functioning more democratic and participatory, thereby strengthening the access of all sections of society to Panchayats.

Further, the Union Government through the Department of Youth Affairs has also launched the National Youth Policy 2014 which emphasises on the involvement of youth in the various activities undertaken by the Panchayati Raj Institutions.