

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
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**ENCOURAGEMENT & RECOGNITION OF MODEL OR EXCEPTIONAL
PANCHAYATS**

2005 SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a formal policy or programme to identify, reward and promote Panchayats that have implemented innovative development models or achieved outstanding results in rural development;
- (b) the efforts in place to replicate the successful initiatives of such model Panchayats across other villages, including documentation, exposure visits or best-practice sharing platforms; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has considered creating a national database of high-performing Panchayats so that their achievements and methodologies can be widely shared and adopted by others?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI RAJEEV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) Yes, sir. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is implementing a scheme-Incentivization of Panchayats (IoP), a central component of the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme, to identify, reward and promote Panchayats for their outstanding performance in various sectors such as health, education, women & child development, water sufficiency, climate action & clean environment, livelihood provision & poverty reduction, mobilisation of own sources of revenue for their financial sufficiency by adopting time tested innovative best practices in the respective areas. These Panchayats are given National Panchayat Awards including financial incentives ranging from Rs.50 lakh to Rs 5 crore through a multi-level competition at Block, District, State and National level annually.

(b) The best practices of the award-winning Panchayats and such other Panchayats with outstanding works are disseminated by the Ministry to all stakeholders, particularly the Panchayats in various ways like sharing of documented best practice write-ups in ebook forms, audio-video films through various social media platforms, organisation of exposure visits by the Training Institutes during the training of the elected representatives and officials of the Panchayats and discussion and deliberations at the regional/national workshops, seminars, writeshops etc.

(c) The Ministry has already created a data base under its eco-statistical initiatives of compilation of Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI), under which the performance of the Panchayats at various levels in attainment of localisation of sustainable goals on the themes of health, education, women & child development, water sufficiency, climate action & clean environment, livelihood provision & poverty reduction etc. are measured. The Panchayats are ranked based on their performance on the key performance indicators for each of the themes as well as at the aggregate level.
