

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 390**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.11.2016

**SHORTAGE OF OFFICIALS IN PANCHAYATS**

†390 SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is shortage of officers/employees at Panchayat, Block Samiti and Zila Parishad level in States including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether there is shortage of basic infrastructure like office, computerisation of Panchayats and training of various representatives/ officers of Panchayati Raj to meet the needs of all Gram Panchayats; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated and utilised during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. As per the information received from States/UTs, there is a shortage of staff, basic infrastructure viz office buildings and computers at each level of Panchayats; and there exist gaps in the capacities of elected representatives and functionaries of Panchayats in most of the States/UTs including Uttar Pradesh to be able to discharge their functions properly. 'Panchayat' being a State subject, the primary responsibility for providing such facilities vests with the States. The details of officers/employees and infrastructure in Panchayats are not maintained by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been augmenting the efforts of the States under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan [erstwhile Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA)] scheme. The financial and technical support has been provided to States for strengthening Panchayats including for administrative and technical support, construction and maintenance of Gram Panchayat buildings, computers and training and capacity building of various stakeholders of Panchayats. With effect from the financial year 2015-16, the support for administrative and technical items, construction and maintenance of Gram Panchayat buildings, and computers has been discontinued.

The funds were also provided under district component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF) for supplementing and converging existing developmental inflows into identified backward districts so as to bridge critical gaps in local infrastructure and other development requirements. With effect from the financial year 2015-16, the BRGF has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government.

The details of funds released and utilised by States/ UTs are given at *Annexe I and II*.

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Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha unstarred Question No-390 regarding Shortage of Officials in Panchayats to be answered on 17.11.2016.

Status regarding State-wise Funds Released & Funds utilized under RGPSA/RGSA during 2013-14 to 2016-17

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Name of the State/ UTs	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
		Funds Released	Funds Utilized*	Funds Released	Funds Utilized*	Funds Released	Funds Utilized*	Funds Released	Funds Utilized**
1	Assam	16.65	<b>16.65</b>	26.04	26.04	17.08	11.66	21.83	
2	Andhra Pradesh	41.6	<b>41.6</b>	24.19	24.19	12.5	10.6	45.8	
3	Arunachal Pradesh	8.71	<b>8.71</b>	7.72	7.28	0			
4	Bihar	8.61	<b>0</b>	63.67	0	0			
5	Chhattisgarh	25.73	<b>25.73</b>	11.4	11.4	14.64	10.72	21.31	
6	Gujarat	31.65	<b>31.65</b>	1.06	1.06	0		33.38	
7	Haryana	2.93	<b>2.93</b>	18.78	6.25	0			
8	Himachal Pradesh	15.84	<b>15.84</b>	15.26	7.78	2.48			
9	Jammu & Kashmir	9.45	<b>0</b>	8.58	0	0			
10	Jharkhand	16.45	<b>15.83</b>	16.2	14.36	9.49		20.9	
11	Karnataka	25.56	<b>25.56</b>	46.8	46.74	32.71	0		
12	Kerala	16.58	<b>16.58</b>	14.49	11.28	0		8.55	
13	Manipur	1.6	<b>1.6</b>	5.42	5.42	5.4	5.4	4.81	4.81
14	Madhya Pradesh	42.83	<b>42.83</b>	37.46	0	10.8	9.52	41.83	
15	Maharashtra	83.17	<b>83.17</b>	34.76	34.76	4.5	2.84	21.17	
16	Odisha	28.73	<b>28.73</b>	32.92	32.92	0		20.01	
17	Punjab	7.97	<b>7.97</b>	0	0	2.69	2.69	7	
18	Rajasthan	15.45	<b>15.45</b>	11.56	11.56	4.48	3.88	22.27	
19	Sikkim	3.15	<b>3.15</b>	6.85	6.85	1.26	1.19	2.33	
20	Tamil Nadu	58.14	<b>58.08</b>	20.16	20.16	8.96	8.05	27.32	
21	Tripura	9.09	<b>9.09</b>	2.36	2.08	1.35	0	5.3	
22	Telangana	34.64	<b>34.64</b>	29.94	29.94	13.13	9.23	14.48	
23	Uttarkhand	5.47	<b>5.47</b>	13.04	13.04	3.09	2.58	13.21	
24	Uttar Pradesh	42.37	<b>33.85</b>	0	0	11		39.87	
25	West Bengal	8.23	<b>8.23</b>	27.71	27.71	9.91	9.17	21.85	
26	Mizoram	0	<b>0</b>	2.48	2.48	0		6.22	
27	Dadra	0	<b>0</b>	1.09	0.88	0			
28	Daman	0	<b>0</b>	1.51	0	0			
29	Goa	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	1.06	0.12	1.37	
30	Chandigarh	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	0.29	0		
31	Lakshadweep	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	1.65	0		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>560.6</b>	<b>533.34</b>	<b>481.45</b>	<b>344.18</b>	<b>168.47</b>	<b>87.65</b>	<b>400.81</b>	<b>4.81</b>

\* Funds released during a particular year have been utilized during the subsequent years also

\*\* Funds for the FY 2016-17 have been released July, 2016 onward, only Manipur have

reported utilization.

*Annexe II*

**BRGF: State-wise releases and utilisation reported during the last three years**

(Amount: Rs. in crores)

S.No.	State	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	2016-17
		Funds Released	Utilisation Reported*	Funds Released	Utilisation Reported*		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	325.62	280.57	43.80	1.97	BRGF Programme delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government w.e.f.2015-16.	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	15.35	14.95		
3.	Assam	76.40	63.24	139.41	88.80		
4.	Bihar	485.80	303.82	206.52	0.00		
5.	Chhattisgarh	192.56	160.87	218.26	42.52		
6.	Gujarat	42.87	28.55	65.07	15.54		
7.	Haryana	26.41	21.29	12.98	0.00		
8.	Himachal Pradesh	27.79	26.16	11.92	0.00		
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	20.40	12.78	45.67	21.78		
10.	Jharkhand	40.85	33.39	281.75	33.53		
11.	Karnataka	71.22	61.47	46.53	26.93		
12.	Kerala	0.00	0.00	29.20	28.91		
13.	Madhya Pradesh	279.21	128.03	221.22	57.21		
14.	Maharashtra	246.82	218.38	236.14	21.11		
15.	Manipur	39.83	39.83	36.76	34.89		
16.	Meghalaya	32.41	16.85	2.56	0.00		
17.	Mizoram	25.36	25.36	24.39	23.39		
18.	Nagaland	9.12	8.87	60.87	1.02		
19.	Odisha	283.63	173.81	179.46	0.64		
20.	Punjab	0.00	0.00	14.87	14.18		
21.	Rajasthan	62.30	62.30	211.45	143.74		
22.	Sikkim	8.68	8.68	12.32	1.56		
23.	Tamil Nadu	94.42	65.85	42.42	0.00		
24.	Telangana	0.00	0.00	89.42	45.59		
25.	Tripura	13.04	13.04	12.63	12.63		
26.	Uttar Pradesh	273.35	174.28	346.86	121.26		
27.	Uttarakhand	22.79	14.16	2.53	0.00		
28.	West Bengal	99.12	75.38	226.64	21.28		
<b>Total</b>		<b>2800.00</b>	<b>2016.96</b>	<b>2837.00</b>	<b>773.43</b>		

\*Funds released during a particular year have been utilized during the subsequent years also