

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2914
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/01/2018

World Bank Assistance for Panchayats

†2914. SHRI RAVINDER KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any financial assistance from the World Bank for strengthening Panchayati Raj system in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such financial assistance is provided for the development of backward districts in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): Yes. Financial Assistance has been received through World Bank assisted projects for strengthening of Panchayati Raj system in few States of the country. These World Bank assisted projects focused on strengthening the decentralization in the spirit of the constitution and developing the institutional systems and capacities of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) with the ultimate objective of improving the service delivery systems at the local level. The details of World Bank assisted ongoing projects for strengthening Panchayati Raj System in the Country is at **Annexure.**

(c) & (d): Financial assistance for these projects are for strengthening of Panchayats, and not specifically for the development of backward districts.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2914 to be answered on 04.01.2018

Details of <i>Ongoing</i> World Bank Assisted Projects in MI Division (All figures in US\$ million)							
Sl. No	Project Name	Date of Agreement	Date of Effectiveness	Date of Closing	State / Central Project	Project size	Loan/Credit Amount
1	Bihar Panchayat Strengthening Project	27-Jun-13	21-Aug-13	30-Jun-19	State (Bihar)	120.00	84.00
2	Institutional Strengthening of Gram Panchayats Project-II, West Bengal.	22-Mar-17	19-Apr-17	31-Dec-22	State (West Bengal)	300.00	210.00