

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *391
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/03/2018

Growth/ Development of Panchayats

***391. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:**

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- a) whether any policy based statistical measures/study is being devised/conducted on the growth/development of Panchayats under various parameters over the last few decades;
- b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the results of the study are likely to be published; and
- c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (c) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF PANCHAYATS**

(a) to (c) Studies & evaluation is an ongoing process to assess the policy and legislative framework as well as outcomes of the schemes/programs implemented. Studies are taken up by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) from time to time, on various aspects of Panchayats, such as structure and functioning, Gram Sabhas, finances, devolution of powers and responsibilities, capacity building and training, elections, e-enablement, Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA), and other issues affecting growth, development and performance of Panchayats. The Terms of reference, time lines and findings/ outcomes of these studies are aligned towards enabling the Panchayati Raj Institutions to function effectively and efficiently. Some of the significant studies taken up by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj regarding growth/development of Panchayats are given at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I**Details of State of Panchayats Report Prepared**

S. No.	Year	Title of the Project	Name of the Institute	Remarks
1	2007-08	Updating / evaluation of State of Panchayat Report (SoPR)	Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Ahmedabad.	Published
2	2008-09	Preparing SoPR 2008-09 – An Independent Evaluation.	Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Ahmedabad.	Published

Details of Devolution Index Reports Prepared

S. No.	Year	Title of the Project	Name of the Institute	Remarks
1	2008-09	Constructing of Revised Devolution Index 2008-09 for the scheme of PEAIS	National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi.	Published
2	2009-10	Construction of Devolution Index in respect of PEAIS for 2009-10.	M/s. Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi	Published
3	2010-11	Construction of a Devolution Index in respect of PEAIS for 2010-11.	M/s. Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi	Published
4	2011-12	Construction of Devolution Index in respect of PEAIS for the year 2011-12.	M/s. Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi	Published
5	2012-13	Study on Panchayat Strengthening Index under PEAIS and to support the proposed scheme on Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan.	M/s. Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi	Published
6	2013-14	Study on Panchayat Strengthening Index for the year 2013-14 under the scheme on Rajiv	M/s. Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi	Published

		Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan		
7	2014-15	Rapid Field Assessment of the Status of Devolution of Powers and Resources cross the States and Union Territories in the Country for the year 2014-15 and to develop an indicative evidence based ranking	M/s. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai	Published
8	2015-16	Field Assessment of the Status of Devolution of Powers and Resources cross the States and Union Territories in the Country for the year 2015-16 to develop an indicative evidence based ranking	M/s. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai	Published