

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3367
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15/03/2018

Less Development of Panchayats

3367. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned “Panchayats in North India fail development test” which appeared in Times of India dated 22.12.2017;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the States which are performing better at the village level; and
- (d) the type of assistance given to low-performing States by his Ministry?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Madam.
- (b) to (d) Government of India launched Mission Antyodaya in October, 2017 which is a framework for implementation for bringing about State led rural transformation in respect of 50,000 Gram Panchayats (GPs), identified in cluster manner across the country. An assessment for village level infrastructure and other amenities in respect of GPs covered under Mission Antyodaya was made through State Government. Ministry of Rural Development has informed that the result of the survey is in public domain. The score of these GPs on key parameters like infrastructure, economic development, livelihoods, health, nutrition, sanitation etc. have been shared with States for arranging requisite interventions. For strengthening the capacities of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), in GPs covered by Mission Antyodaya, provision has been made in the restructured scheme of RGSA of this Ministry, which has been appraised by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) for implementation in the next financial year.
