

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *339
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018

Strengthening PRIs

*339. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented for strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch any new scheme for the empowerment of Panchayati Raj in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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) IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 339 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018 REGARDING STRENGTHENING PRIs

(a) In order to strengthen governance capabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Government in April 2018, launched the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) to be implemented for four years, i.e. from 2018-19 to 2021-22 with total outlay of Rs 7255.50 crore having Central share of Rs 4500 crore and State share of 2755.50 crore. The scheme will have both central as well as state components.

The Scheme will extend to all States and Union Territories of the country including Institutions of Rural Local Governance in non-Part IX areas. The scheme envisages enhancement of capacities of Panchayats through a concerted capacity building process and expansion of outreach and coverage of training. It will strengthen Gram Sabhas to function effectively as the basic forum of people's participation with focus on vulnerable groups. RGSA will have programmatic focus on ensuring basic orientation for the Elected Representatives (ERs) of Panchayats within 6 months of their election and refresher trainings within 2 years. It will incorporate greater thrust for e-enablement of Panchayats for e-governance to enhance efficiency and transparency.

(b) & (c) There is no proposal for launch of any other new scheme for the empowerment of Panchayati Raj in the country;