

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

LOK SABHA
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ASSISTANCE TO PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government, in order to strengthen and make the Panchayati Raj Institutions self-reliant, has been attempting to provide assistance to the elected representatives by adopting capacity building measures and imparting trainings to them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the areas in which the Union Government has provided the assistance to the State Governments?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has been providing programmatic support for strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and capacity building of Elected Representatives and functionaries of PRIs to improve their functioning and effectiveness and make them self reliant. These programs are specifically focused on addressing the critical gaps that constrain the functioning of Panchayats, facilitating democratic planning and decision making through People's participation, and strengthening the institutional structure of Panchayats.

In order to strengthen governance capabilities of PRIs to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Government has launched the core Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), which is being implemented for 4 years from 2018-19 to 2021-22 with total outlay of Rs.7255.50 crore. Under the scheme of RGSA, financial support is provided to States/ Union Territories towards various activities for strengthening of Panchayats viz. Capacity Building & Training, training infrastructure and Human Resource(HR) support for training, Strengthening of Gram Sabhas under the Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) areas, Distance Learning Facility, Support for Innovations, Technical support to PRIs, Panchayat Buildings, e-enablement of Panchayats, Project based support for economic development and income enhancement, Information Education Communication (IEC) and Programme Management Unit (PMU).
