

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2120
ANSWERED ON 20/12/2022

RASHTRIYA GRAM SWARAJ ABHIYAN

2120. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the goals of the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA);
- (b) the details of progress achieved under the scheme in the Aspirational districts of Kadapa, Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of the funds dedicated to the scheme;
- (d) whether any additional steps are being taken to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) implemented the scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) during 2018-19 to 2021-22. Further, the scheme of revamped RGSA approved by the Cabinet for implementation from 2022-23 to 2025-26 at a total cost of ₹5911 crore including Central Share of ₹3700 crore and State share of ₹2211 crore for capacitating Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) through imparting training to Elected Representatives (ERs) and other stakeholders to develop governance capabilities for leadership roles to enable the Gram Panchayats to function effectively and to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Localization at grassroot level. Under the scheme funds is released to States not to districts. The State of Andhra Pradesh has trained 12,60,606 participants during the last 2 years and current year so far, which includes participants from aspirational districts.

(d) & (e) Ministry has adopted thematic approach for the Localization of SDGs with nine themes integrating all 17 SDGs as per the recommendations of the Expert Group constituted by the Ministry. In furtherance to this, inter-ministerial consultations with the Nodal Ministries, regional workshops with States and consultative meeting with UN Agencies had been held to reinforce the collaborative endeavour for localizing SDGs through PRIs. Ministry is continuously working with the States and other stakeholders to take forward the LSDG at grossroot level.
