

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3651**  
ANSWERED ON 10.08.2021

**EMPOWERMENT OF PANCHAYATS**

3651. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds provided to the panchayats for the development of villages in the State of Bihar including Jehanabad, Arwal and Gaya districts during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up a separate fund for the empowerment of Panchayats;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the progress achieved in this regard, so far?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ  
(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) An amount of Rs.14,892.41 crore was released to the State of Bihar for its Rural Local Bodies, including the districts of Jehanabad, Arwal and Gaya under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Finance Commissions during 2018-19 to 2020-21. Under the Incentivisation of Panchayat Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), an amount of Rs.3.44 crore was released to the State of Bihar as incentives in the form of award money for the Panchayats including Panchayats in districts of Jehanabad, Arwal and Gaya doing good developmental works selected under various categories of awards under the National Panchayat Award during the last three years.

(b) No, sir.

(c) & (d) Questions do not arise in view of (b) above.

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