

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2457
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2024

RGSA

†2457 SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has provided funds to the States for strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), if so, the details thereof;
- b) the details of funds provided by the Government to Uttar Pradesh under the said scheme in each of the last three years and the current year;
- c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Panchayat Sevaks in Uttar Pradesh and being paid meagre salaries; and
- d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate funds to the Uttar Pradesh Government for the salaries of Gram Sevaks?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) implemented the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) during 2018-19 to 2021-22 for strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) across the country including Uttar Pradesh. The scheme was demand driven and involved multi-dimensional activities relating to strengthening of PRIs with focus on Capacity Building and Training (CB&T) of Elected Representatives (ERs), Panchayat Functionaries (PFs) and stakeholders.

Further, the CSS of RGSA was revamped for implementation in States/ UTs, including Uttar Pradesh from 2022-23 to 2025-26, for intensive CB&T of the PRIs for effective governance at the grassroots and making Panchayats as vibrant centres of local self-governance and economic growth. There is a special focus in CB&T on localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) at grassroot level through the PRIs by using thematic approach by aggregating 17 SDGs into 9 themes of LSDGs and with collaborative efforts of Central Ministries and State line departments with 'whole of Government' approach at all levels. Details of fund released to Uttar Pradesh under the said schemes each of the last three year and the current year is as under:

Year	Scheme	Fund Released (Rs. in crore)
2021-22	Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)	83.08
2022-23	Revamped RGSA	85.05
2023-24		84.126
2024-25*		--

*(as on 02/08/2024)

- (c) There is no post as 'Panchayat Sevaks' under RGSA scheme.
- (d) Does not arise in view of above.
