

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 820
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2016

EFFECTIVE ROLE OF PANCHAYATS IN DEVELOPMENT

820. **SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:**

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the working of Panchayats would have to be made more effective, efficient and people-friendly for the purpose of balance development; and
- (b) if so, the national level plan chalked out by the Government for improving the functioning of Panchayats?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- a) Yes, Madam.
- b) With a view to empower and strengthen the Panchayats, the Government is providing (i) substantial grant of Rs 2,00,292.20 crore exclusively for the Gram Panchayats over a period of five years as part of the Fourteenth Finance Commission award (years 2015-2020) which offers Gram Panchayats a unique opportunity to strengthen local governance; (ii) proactive support to the States to develop convergent local development plans and institutional support structures in order to utilize the funds available with Panchayats optimally; (iii) support to the States to develop budgeting, accounting and auditing manuals to improve the functioning of Panchayats; and (iv) financial support for capacity building of the various stakeholders of Panchayats for improved functioning.
