

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.250**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/07/2018

**Special Training Programme for Panchayat Representatives**

250. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to launch a special training programme to impart training to public representatives of Panchayats and Municipal bodies with regard to their rights, duties and powers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) In order to strengthen governance capabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Government has launched the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) to be implemented during 2018-19 to 2021-22 with total outlay of Rs 7255.50 crore having Central share of Rs. 4500 crore and State share of 2755.50 crore. The scheme will have both central as well as state components. The central component will be fully funded by Government of India. However, Centre: State funding pattern will be 60:40 for all States, except North East and Hill States where Centre: State funding pattern will be 90:10. For all Union Territories (UTs), the Central share will be 100%.

The Scheme envisages enhancement of capacities of Panchayats through a concerted, capacity building process and expansion of outreach and coverage of training. It will strengthen Gram Sabhas to function effectively as the basic forum of people's participation with focus on vulnerable groups. RGSA will have programmatic focus on ensuring basic orientation training for the Elected Representatives (ERs) of Panchayats within 6 months of their election, and refresher trainings within two years. It will incorporate greater thrust for e-enablement of Panchayats, for e-governance to enhance efficiency and transparency.

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