

MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

DEMAND NO. 69

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A. The Budget allocations, net of recoveries, are given below:

(In crores of Rupees)										
Major Head	Budget 2007-2008			Revised 2007-2008			Budget 2008-2009			
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
Revenue	4770.00	0.50	4770.50	3700.00	0.40	3700.40	4780.00	0.50	4780.50	
Capital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	4770.00	0.50	4770.50	3700.00	0.40	3700.40	4780.00	0.50	4780.50	
1. Secretariat - Economic Services	3451	7.00	0.50	7.50	7.98	0.40	8.38	8.00	0.50	8.50
Other Rural Development Programmes										
2. Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme	2515	10.00	...	10.00	10.00	...	10.00	10.00	...	10.00
3. Media and Publicity	2515	...	...	...	8.00	...	8.00	6.90	...	6.90
4. Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan	2515	...	...	...	4.00	...	4.00	4.00	...	4.00
5. Action Research and Research Studies	2515	...	...	...	3.00	...	3.00	2.00	...	2.00
6. Rural Business Hubs	2515	...	...	...	2.00	...	2.00	2.00	...	2.00
7. National Panchayat Fund	2515	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00
8. Technical Support for Capacity Building and Training of Functionaries of District Planning Committees and Zilla Parishads	2515	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.00	...	25.00
<i>Centrally Sponsored Schemes</i>										
9. Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana	2515	67.90	...	67.90	39.92	...	39.92	30.00	...	30.00
10. Mission Mode Project on e-Panchayats	2515	...	...	...	10.00	...	10.00	5.00	...	5.00
<i>Total - Centrally Sponsored Schemes</i>		<i>67.90</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>67.90</i>	<i>49.92</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>49.92</i>	<i>35.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>35.00</i>
11. Pass-through of external assistance under projects assisted by UN Agencies	2515	5.00	...	5.00	5.00	...	5.00	5.00	...	5.00
12. Contribution to Commonwealth Local Government Forum under International Co-operation	2515	0.10	...	0.10	0.10	...	0.10	0.10	...	0.10
<i>Total - Other Rural Development Programmes</i>		<i>83.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>83.00</i>	<i>82.02</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>82.02</i>	<i>91.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>91.00</i>
13. Lumpsum provision for projects/schemes for the benefit of the North Eastern Region and Sikkim	2552	10.00	...	10.00	10.00	...	10.00	11.00	...	11.00
<i>Grants for State Plan schemes :</i>										
14. Backward Regions Grants Fund	3601	4670.00	...	4670.00	3600.00	...	3600.00	4670.00	...	4670.00
Grand Total		4770.00	0.50	4770.50	3700.00	0.40	3700.40	4780.00	0.50	4780.50
C. Plan Outlay	Head of Dev	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total
Central Plan										
1. Secretariat - Economic Services	13451	7.00	...	7.00	7.98	...	7.98	8.00	...	8.00
2. Other Rural Development Programmes	12515	83.00	...	83.00	82.02	...	82.02	91.00	...	91.00
3. North Eastern Areas	22552	10.00	...	10.00	10.00	...	10.00	11.00	...	11.00
Total - Central Plan		100.00	...	100.00	100.00	...	100.00	110.00	...	110.00
State Plan										
1. Backward Regions Grants Fund	43601	4670.00	...	4670.00	3600.00	...	3600.00	4670.00	...	4670.00
Total		4770.00	...	4770.00	3700.00	...	3700.00	4780.00	...	4780.00

1. The provision is for Secretariat expenditure of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj was set up as an independent Ministry to give an impetus to the strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions. It is mandated to look after the work relating to monitoring the implementation of Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1996 and Article 243 ZD in Part IXA of Constitution relating to District Planning Committees (DPCs). The Outlay for Plan

Schemes of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for the year 2008-09 is Rs. 110.00 crores with a provision of Rs. 11.00 crores for North Eastern Areas including Sikkim. The outlay for Central Assistance to State Plans under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) is Rs. 4670.00 crores for the same year.

2. **Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme** is to make available a well-designed system of incentives that would provide an effective mechanism for the

Government of India to support and incentivise States to devolve more functions, functionaries and finances to the Panchayats.

3. **Scheme of Media and Publicity** is intended to provide vital information and create awareness amongst the public regarding Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) through Audio & Visual Publicity through Print and Electronic Media.

4. **Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan** is implemented with a view to organize the elected women and youth representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions so as to increase their voice, visibility and work performance.

5. **Under Action Research and Research Studies Scheme**, financial assistance is extended to academic institutions/NGOs/ Research Organizations/Societies having specialized experience in research, evaluation in the areas of rural development, for carrying out Action Research and Research Studies on various aspects of Panchayati Raj mainly to use it as a tool for better policy formulation.

6. **Rural Business Hubs (RBHs)** Scheme has the goal of "Haat to Hypermarket" and aims at moving from mere livelihood support to promoting rural prosperity, increasing rural non-farm incomes and augmenting rural employment. RBHs set up in association with PRIs could constitute the fulcrum of "inclusive growth" – the theme of the approach to the XIth Plan.

7. **National Panchayat Fund.** This fund would be a window for Panchayats which would help them to build bankable revenue earning assets such as Commercial Complexes, Storage facilities etc.

8. **Technical Support for Capacity Building and Training of Functionaries of DPCs and Zilla Parishads.** – Formation of District Planning Committees (DPCs) in a democratic manner

with participation of 3 tier of PRIs is the bedrock of the decentralised planning. This scheme will provide technical support to the Zilla Parishads for preparation of District Plan in the non-BRGF districts with a provision of Rs. 25.00 crores.

9. The Scheme of **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana** is to assist States to improve the capacity of elected representatives and functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions and provide necessary administrative and infrastructure support to Panchayats so that they can effectively perform the functions devolved and implement the schemes entrusted to them.

10. **Mission mode Project on e-Panchayats** : A scheme under National e-governance.

11. **UN assisted Project** : Capacity Building Programmes are taken up by UNDP.

12. For Contribution to Commonwealth Local Government Forum under International Co-operation.

13. Lump sum provision has been kept for projects/schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Areas including Sikkim.

14. **Backward Regions Grants Fund(BRGF)** has been initiated for putting in place programmes and policies with the joint efforts of the Centre and the States which would remove barriers to growth, accelerate the development process and improve the quality of life of the people. The scheme aims at focused development programmes for backward areas which would help in reducing the imbalances and speed up development. Panchayat at all levels in the backward districts will have a central role in planning and implementation of schemes under the Backward Regions Grants Fund, which would bridge the gap among the different regions of the country.