

**MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ**

## DEMAND NO. 67

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

		<i>(In crores of Rupees)</i>								
Major Head	Budget 2005-2006			Revised 2005-2006			Budget 2006-2007			
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
Revenue	50.00	0.44	50.44	50.00	0.49	50.49	3825.00	0.73	3825.73	
Capital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>50.44</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>50.49</b>	<b>3825.00</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>3825.73</b>	
1. Secretariat - Economic Services	3451	...	0.44	0.44	...	0.49	0.49	4.00	0.73	4.73
<b>Other Rural Development Programmes</b>										
2. Panchayat Development and Training	2515 3601 <i>Total</i>	33.00 12.00 <i>45.00</i>	...	33.00 12.00 <i>45.00</i>	30.50 9.50 <i>40.00</i>	...	30.50 9.50 <i>40.00</i>	...	...	...
3. Panchayat Empowerment Incentive Scheme	2515	...	...	...	5.00	...	5.00	10.00	...	10.00
4. Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana	2515	...	...	...	...	...	...	50.50	...	50.50
5. Media Publicity and Advocacy	2515	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.00	...	3.00
6. Lumpsum provision for projects/scheme for the benefit of the North Eastern Region and Sikkim	2552	5.00	...	5.00	5.00	...	5.00	7.50	...	7.50
<b>Grants for State Plan schemes :</b>										
7. Backward Regions Grants Fund	3601	...	...	...	...	...	...	3750.00	...	3750.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>50.44</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>50.49</b>	<b>3825.00</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>3825.73</b>
<b>C. Plan Outlay</b>	Head of Dev	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total
<b>Central Plan</b>										
1. Secretariat - Economic Services	13451	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.00	...	4.00
2. Other Rural Development Programmes	12515	45.00	...	45.00	45.00	...	45.00	63.50	...	63.50
3. North Eastern Areas	22552	5.00	...	5.00	5.00	...	5.00	7.50	...	7.50
<b>Total-Central Plan</b>		<b>50.00</b>	...	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	...	<b>50.00</b>	<b>75.00</b>	...	<b>75.00</b>
<b>State Plans</b>										
1. Backward Regions Grants Fund	43601	...	...	...	...	...	...	3750.00	...	3750.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>50.00</b>	...	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	...	<b>50.00</b>	<b>3825.00</b>	...	<b>3825.00</b>

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

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj was set up to give an impetus to the strengthening of the Panchayati Raj Institutions. It is mandated to look after the work relating to monitoring the implementation of Constitution (73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment) Act, 1992 and the provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 and to ensure that the State Acts have been enacted in accordance with the provisions of the above two Acts.

3. **The Panchayat Empowerment and Incentive Scheme** is intended to incentivise State Governments to undertake reforms and devolve powers upon Panchayats, in accordance with the recommendations of the seven Round Tables of State Ministers of Panchayati Raj as also for Panchayats empowered by such reforms to effectively assume the responsibilities devolved upon them. Milestones for reforms will be identified, bench marks standardized and releases will be made in accordance with the progress achieved by States against milestones and bench marks in the reform aspects identified.

4. **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana** is being proposed to assist States to improve the capacity of Panchayats and provide the necessary administrative and infrastructure support so that they can effectively perform the functions devolved and the

schemes entrusted to them. This would be accomplished through viz. 1) Training and Capacity building of elected representatives and Staff 2) e-Governance and 3) Improving infrastructure.

5. The Scheme for Media, Communication and Advocacy seeks to empower the community and PRIs with information and knowledge about their roles, rights and responsibilities, especially keeping the objectives of devolution as envisaged in the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional amendment and the provisions of the Right to Information Act in view. It is also aimed to disseminate information on innovative approaches and findings of research and impact evaluation undertaken in the field of Panchayati Raj to a wide range of PRI stakeholders, including elected representatives, NGOs, Panchayat staff and the public and also to undertake advocacy to promote greater and more effective devolution of functions, funds and functionaries to Panchayats. Under the Scheme, the Ministry also proposes to undertake a central media campaign on national themes and policy issues concerning Panchayati Raj.

6. Lumpsum provision has been kept for projects/schemes for the benefit of North Eastern States including Sikkim.

7. The Backward Regions Grants Fund 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 reduce imbalances and speed up development. The main objectives of the scheme are to address the problems of low agricultural productivity, unemployment and to fill critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure. The District Administration/Panchayati Raj Institutions accordingly would be required to prepare a Three-

Year Master Plan with nested Annual Action Plans. The Plan is to be based on a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis, review of on-going schemes and identification of a few lead sectors wherein state intervention would help the region overcome major bottlenecks in development. The additionality is to be used to meet local needs through schemes in these lead sectors which would make a dent on the poverty of the region in a time bound manner. People's participation and involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions, NGOs and Self Help Groups would be ensured at every stage including plan formulation, implementation and monitoring.