

Year/Month	Global price inflation (%)		Domestic WPI inflation (%)	
	Food	Energy	Food	Energy
2010-11	14.90	21.10	11.10	12.28
2011-12	12.42	24.97	7.22	13.96
2012-13 (April-October, 2012)	2.39	-3.91	8.85	10.91

Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Yojana

*294. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR : Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is considering a new scheme called the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Yojana (RGPSY); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame within which it is likely to be operationalised?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The new Centrally sponsored Scheme viz., Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) for strengthening Panchayats during the Twelfth Plan will support need based activities including administrative and technical expertise at Gram Panchayats, capacity building and training, e-enablement of Panchayats, infrastructure and panchayat processes while also promoting structural reforms in Panchayati Raj Institutions including holding of regular elections, reservation for women, strengthening of State Election Commission and State Finance Commission, devolution, strengthening of Gram Sabha constitution of Mahila Sabha and Ward Sabha and compliance of State laws in Fifth Schedule areas with the provisions of PESA Act, 1996.

Loans at lesser rate of interest to poor

*295. SHRI N. BALAGANGA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme to provide loans at cheap rates to the poor and weaker sections;
- (b) if so, the details of such loans;