

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 83
ANSWERED ON 07/12/2022**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF RASHTRIYA GRAM SWARAJ ABHIYAN (RGSA) SCHEME
IN KERALA**

83 SMT. P. T. USHA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) details of aims and objectives of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA);
- (b) details of the funds allocated/ sanctioned by Government under the RGSA scheme to the State of Kerala, during the last three years, panchayat-wise;
- (c) whether any new initiative have been taken up by Government on integrated rural development by focusing on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in all Panchayats of Kerala, which are subsumed under nine themes to ensure poverty-free, clean, healthy, child-friendly, and socially secured well-governed villages; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)**

- (a) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) w.e.f. financial year 2022-23 with the main objective on capacitating Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) to develop governance capabilities and to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals through Localization at grassroot level.
- (b) Under the scheme of RGSA funds were released to States not to Panchayat and during the last three years Rs. 20.129 crore had been released to States of Kerala.
- (c) & (d) Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been implementing Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme which mandates to capacitate elected representatives and functionaries to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through participatory local planning at the Gram Panchayat level. Ministry has adopted thematic approach for the Localization of SDGs with nine themes integrating all 17 SDGs as per the recommendations of the Expert Group constituted by

the Ministry. In furtherance to this, inter-ministerial consultations with the Nodal Ministries, regional workshops with States and consultative meeting with UN Agencies had been held to reinforce the collaborative endeavour for localizing SDGs through PRIs. Ministry is continuously working with the States and other stakeholders to take forward the LSDG at grossroot level.
