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## **Special Mention(*Panchayati Raj*)**

Panchayati Raj in Jharkhand is not deep-rooted. Jharkhand was formed as a State in November 2000. Jharkhand Panchayati Raj Act was enacted in 2001. The first Panchayat elections in the State which were to be held in the year 2006 could be held in 2010 only because of legal disputes. The region of Jharkhand had undergone Panchayat elections in 1979 when it was a part of Bihar. Jharkhand is mainly the tribal populated State. It is cut off from the main stream development. The State is deprived of Rs 4,000 crore as the Panchayat elections could not be held for 10 years. Now since 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has provided Rs 1517 crore for the 5 years' period from 2010 to 2015, I appeal to the Centre that it may ensure to allocate the prescribed amount of fund to Jharkhand twice the year so that the last man of the State gets the benefit of the Panchayati Raj system. Centre may monitor the Panchayati Raj system and functions of the Panchayati Raj institutions in the State, educate the rural population about the usefulness of the Panchayati Raj and ensure the judicious use of the fund in the people's interest. It may also take steps to train the officials and local office-bearers so that Panchayati Raj system in Jharkhand may become comparable and competitive vis-à-vis the other states of the country.

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