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MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
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PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF PRI

2406. SHRI SUKANTA KUMAR PANIGRAHI:
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) & (b) Panchayat, being “Local Government”, is a State Subject and part of the State List in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Accordingly, Panchayats are set up and operate through the respective State Panchayati Raj Acts. The performance of Panchayati Raj Institutions is monitored mainly by the State Governments. The performance of the Panchayats depends on the extent of powers and resources devolved to them by the State Government. However, Ministry of Panchayati Raj has taken continuous steps to provide assistance to the States and Union Territories and reviews performance of Panchayati Raj Institutions, from time to time, through studies, review meetings, field visits, video conferencing, Information Technology applications, Common Review Missions etc.

The Ministry has launched eGramSwaraj (<https://egramswaraj.gov.in>), a user friendly web-based portal, which aims to bring in better transparency in the decentralised planning, progress reporting, financial management, work-based accounting and details of assets created. Further, for ensuring timely audit of Panchayat accounts i.e. receipts and expenditures of Gram Panchayats, this Ministry has rolled out an online application – AuditOnline (<https://auditonline.gov.in>). This application not only facilitates the auditing of Panchayat accounts but also provides for maintaining of audit records. This application streamlines the process for audit inquiries, draft local audit reports, draft audit paras etc. and thus ensures proper maintenance of accounts by Panchayats to improve transparency and accountability.
