

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to turn the National Institute for Rural Development into a full-fledged University;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the NIRD is presently involved in conducting any training programmes for the Panchayat Raj institutions;
- (d) if so, the details of such training being given and the number of people imparted such training during the last two years and the current year;
- (e) whether the Government propose to expand the training activity of NIRD; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a)&(b): No Sir.

(c): Yes Sir. The Institute has been conducting training programmes for elected members and other functionaries of the Panchayati Raj Bodies also.

(d): The details of the training programmes undertaken for Panchayati Raj functionaries and the number of participants who attended these programmes for the last two years and the current year (till date) are given below:

Year No. of Programmes No. of functionaries trained under PR Sector

1999-2000	12	263
2000-2001	18	496
2001-2002	13	355

Total 43 1114

(e)&(f): The Government plans to impart training to all the elected representatives of the Panchayati Raj Bodies. As the apex training Institution for rural development, the National Institute of Rural Development is going to play an important role in this and its training activity would thus be expanded.