

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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TASK FORCE FOR GENERATION OF POWERS TO PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to constitute a task force to give rights to the Panchayats for generation of power from other sources of energy and its supply in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the State-wise number of task forces the Government propose to constitute;
- (c) the constitution of such task forces indicating the number of persons to be taken in these task forces from various States and Panchayats; and
- (d) the number of such task forces proposed to be constituted in Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a) No Sir. However, Panchayats are being encouraged to network with the Independent Power Producers Association of India to examine the feasibility of mini-electricity generation with the participation of, and facilitation by, Panchayati Raj Institutions.
- (b),(c)&(d): Does not arise.