

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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VILLAGE KNOWLEDGE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up village knowledge centers across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds required for setting up these village knowledge centres in the country; and
- (d) the extent to which these Centres will be helpful to the village Panchayats?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) In its first report to the Union Agriculture Minister submitted on 29th December, 2004, the National Commission on Farmers, has made several recommendations, including setting up Rural/Village Knowledge Centres to harness Information Communication Technology and other tools of communication for village and rural development. In the Seventh Round Table of Ministers in charge of Panchayati Raj held in Jaipur from 17 – 19 December, 2004 in para-8 of the Resolution, it was resolved that the Community Service Centres being rolled out by the Ministry of Information Technology at the Centre may be located in the Panchayat offices so that Panchayat services can also be delivered through the Common Service Centres. A copy of the resolutions passed during the Seventh Round Table Conference is enclosed. The number and location of the Centres, the extent to which these Centres will be helpful to the village Panchayats and the financing implication of establishing them will be known only after the Commission's recommendations have been processed and passed by Government.