

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF FUNCTIONING OF PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently decided to invite representatives of Panchayats including Pramookhs of Zila Panchayats and Blocks from all over the country, as published in Hindi daily 'Dainik Jagran' dated March 12, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to constitute a Committee to review the work done by the Panchayat representatives; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (d): All State/UT Governments have been requested to send Presidents of District Panchayats and Intermediate Panchayats and two Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats from each Districts to attend the National Convention of Presidents of District Panchayats and Intermediate Panchayats being organized by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj at Burari Ground, North Delhi from 22 to 24 April, 2008. Earlier, a Core Committee of Panchayati Raj representatives selected by State Governments/UT Administrations had prepared a draft "15th Anniversary Charter on Panchayats" which was submitted to Gram Sabhas and Panchayats all over the country for further consideration. The draft will be discussed, finalized and adopted by the representatives of these Panchayats during the National Convention.