

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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COMPUTERS FOR RAJIV GANDHI SEWA KENDRAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken any decision to purchase computers for Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendras with the funds allocated under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government has held discussions with the State Governments in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the amount of funds out of the funds allocated under MGNREGS likely to be utilized for Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendras?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a)to(d): Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra will serve as a Village Knowledge Resource Centre and Gram Panchayat Bhawan at Gram Panchayat level. One of the functions of the Kendra as a knowledge resource centre is to facilitate operation of ICT facilities both to support Gram Panchayat and block office of the programme Officer as well as public access to information and online transaction related to development process. In order to meet this objective, it has been decided to equip the Kendras with computers purchased out of the Administrative expenses admissible under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

(e): No funds have been allocated for construction of Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendras. However, the source of funding for the construction would be as under:

(i) For the BRGF districts-the material component may be met from BRGF and the labour component from NREGS. In case, the material resource support from BRGF is inadequate, the same can be incurred under NREGS provided the material component does not exceed 40% at the district level.

(ii) For the non-BRGF districts, NREGS would be the main source. The material component can also be supplemented by other schemes.