

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTE IT ENABLED GOVERNANCE
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the programme of the Government to promote IT-enabled governance at the village panchayat level;
- (b) if so, whether the village panchayat is facing constraints due to lack of reliable electricity supply to a majority of Panchayat Offices;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide an efficient alternative captive renewable energy solution that can also augment panchayat revenue by sale of surplus electricity; and
- (d) the details of the plan of the Government to promote renewable energy solutions for village Panchayat Offices, and allocation made therefor during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(Dr. C. P. JOSHI)

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir. Government is promoting IT related governance in Panchayats. In some parts of the Country, the Village Panchayats are facing difficulties due to lack of reliable electricity supply.
- (c) & (d): Ministry of New Renewable Energy has approved the first phase of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) up to 2013 for installation of 200 MW of off-grid solar applications, including stand-alone solar photovoltaic power plants. Under the off-grid application scheme in the JNNSM, 30% subsidy and loan at 5% annual interest rate can be availed.