

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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NUMBER OF PANCHAYATS

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Panchayats alongwith the villages and blocks in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether any central compilation of the names and details of the Panchayats has been done;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the norms/parameters adopted for declaration/change of Panchayats in the States?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): For central compilation of names and details of Panchayats, Ministry of Panchayati Raj has provided an online facility under 'National Panchayat Directory' (<http://www.panchayat.gov.in/directory>) that allows States and districts to upload the list of Panchayats along with villages and blocks. The number of Panchayats, State-wise, as reported by States/ UTs is given in the Annexure.

(d): The norms/ parameters for declaration/change of Panchayats are decided by State Govts/ UT administrations and vary from State to State.