GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PANCHAYATI RAJ LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:858 ANSWERED ON:25.11.2011 COMPUTERS TO PANCHAYATS Rana Shri Jagdish Singh

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated any scheme for supporting all the State Governments for making effective use of IT in Panchayats and proposes to provide atleast one computer to every Panchayat to impart computer education in villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total funds provided to State Governments including Uttar Pradesh under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State wise;
- (d) whether the funds provided in this regard are adequate to provide computer education in villages; and
- (e) if not, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

(a) & (b): There is no scheme of Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) to provide at least one computer in every Panchayat to impart computer education in villages.

However, MoPR has formulated a project namely, "e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP)" for implementation of e-governance in Panchayats, under the National e-Governance Programme (NeGP). The project enables Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) towards making effective use of IT for better planning and accounting systems. This will help PRIs to achieve greater transparency and accountability.

(c) to (e): There is no provision for giving funds to States under the e-Panchayat MMP for providing computer to Panchayat to impart computer education in villages.