

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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MOU WITH NORWAY

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high level delegation of Norway held meeting with Indian leaders in the recent past and have shown their interest in the functioning of decentralised governance in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether both the countries had signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2010; and
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): India and Norway signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for technical cooperation in the field of local governance on 15th September, 2010. A high level delegation from Norway visited India during 10-13 January 2010. The Indo-Norway Joint Working Group met during this visit and took decisions regarding collaboration among officials, research institutions and local bodies.