

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF DIGITAL PANCHAYAT CENTRES

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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up digital panchayat centres across rural India, so as to empower and develop the grass-root communities at the Panchayat level through an interactive and collaborative web portal;and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj does not propose to set-up digital panchayat centres across rural India to empower and develop the grass root communities at the Panchayat level. However, the Ministry has formulated a project namely e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP), for e-enablement of all the Panchayats which will make their functioning more efficient and transparent. Under the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), 11 Core Common Software applications are envisaged. These applications collectively constitute the Panchayat Enterprise Suite (PES). Four of these applications namely PRIASoft, PlanPlus, National Panchayat Portal and Local Governance Directory have been rolled out and are in public domain. These can be accessed at <http://Accountingonline.gov.in>, <http://planningonline.gov.in>, <http://panchayat.gov.in> and <http://panchayatdirectory.gov.in> respectively. Six more applications namely Area Profiler, ServicePlus, Asset Directory, ActionSoft, Social Audit and Trainings Management were launched on 24th April, 2012 on the occasion of National Panchayat Day and are in the process of adoption by the States.