

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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COMPUTER IN PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide at least one computer in each panchayat of the country to achieve the target of imparting computer education at village level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) the funds allocated to the State Governments including Madhya Pradesh for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the funds made available is sufficient for above purpose; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to increase allocation for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) that addresses core aspects of Panchayats' functioning viz. Planning, Monitoring, Implementation, Budgeting, Accounting, Social Audit etc., with the aim to make their functioning more efficient, accountable and transparent. Imparting computer education at village level is not sought to be achieved through this Mission Mode Project.

In so far as providing ICT infrastructure, including computers to Panchayats under this MMP is concerned, the States have been advised to utilize available funds from other sources such as 13th Central Finance Commission Grants, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF), Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSY) etc.