

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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BHARAT NIRMAN RAJIV GANDHI SEWA KENDRAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendras (BNRGSKs) across the country are fully equipped with Information Technology enabled e-governance system in each Panchayat for effective implementation of the rural development schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which these Kendras are likely to help to reach the individual Panchayat network for effective implementation of the Bharat Nirman projects in the rural areas of the country; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a) to (d): The objectives of Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra (BNRGSK) are to provide space to facilitate the functioning of the MGNREGA office of Gram panchayat/Block levels and function as a Knowledge Resource Centre to facilitate:-

(i) Citizens access to information on MGNREGA and other Rural Development Programmes.

(ii) Provide space for facilitating dissemination of technologies and good practices for effecting convergence for durability and productivity enhancement of rural assets.

(iii) Operation of ICT facilities both to support GP and block officer of Programme officer (PO) as well as public excess to information and online transaction related to development process.

The states have been allowed to use 6% administrative expenditure to create information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure in BNRGSKs. ICT facilities will help in effective implementation of all rural development schemes across the country.