

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA**

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GRAM NYAYALAYAS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of States which have set up Gram Nyayalayas and which have not felt the need to set them up;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide additional funds to the States to set up these Nyayalayas;
- (c) if so, the details of the States which have sought more funds; and
- (d) the tentative details of the Gram Nyayalayas that are scheduled to be set up in the next three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d): As per the information available, 172 Gram Nyayalayas have been notified by nine State Governments, of which 152 Gram Nyayalayas have become operational. The details are as under:-

S. No	State	Notified	Functional
1	M.P.	89	89
2	Rajasthan	45	45
3	Karnataka	2	0
4	Orissa	14	8
5	Maharashtra	10	10
6	Jharkhand	6	0
7	Goa	2	0
8	Punjab	2	0
9	Haryana	2	0
	Total	172	152

The State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and West Bengal have requested for enhanced financial assistance for setting up of Gram Nyayalayas. In order to provide enhanced financial assistance for setting up Gram Nyayalayas, the Central Government has decided in-principle to merge the Gram Nyayalayas Scheme with Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development of Infrastructure for the Judiciary.

Central Government has been making regular requests to the Chief Ministers of States and Chief Justices of High Courts for establishment of Gram Nyayalayas in the respective States. The issues affecting the implementation of Gram Nyayalayas Act were discussed in the Conference of Chief Justices of the High Courts and Chief Ministers of States on 7th April, 2013. It has inter-alia been decided by the Conference that the State Governments and High Courts should decide the question of establishment of Gram Nyayalayas, wherever feasible, taking into account their local problems.