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TABLETS FOR MONITORING OF MGNREGA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to provide tablets to all gram panchayats in the country to monitor the implementation of MGNREGS;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the advantage of this move;

(c) the amount earmarked for the purpose and the phases fixed therefor and the number of gram panchayats to be covered under the first phase;

(d) whether the States have been asked to identify the Gram Panchayats under the first phase as well as training of personnel and if so, the response of the State Government thereto and the time by which the first phase will be rolled out; and

(e) the assistance likely to be given for monitoring of MGNREGS under this scheme and the time by when these tablets are likely to be distributed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) The Government has started a Mobile Monitoring System (MMS) for better implementation and monitoring of the MGNREGS works. The pilot project would cover 35,000 Gram Panchayats and is expected to be rolled out in April 2015.

(b) The main advantages of this initiative are as under:-

(i) Empowerment of GPs and implementation agencies with live data from the worksites.

(ii) An online and real-time updation of database.

(iii) Real-time visibility of the data for complete transparency.

(iv) Location of assets with geo tagging for easy verification.

(c): The amount allocated for the 35,000 Mobile/Tablets is Rs.35 crore.

(d): The States are in the process of identifying the GPs for the pilot phase, which is likely to be rolled out from April 2015.

(e): Ministry of Rural Development is meeting all costs of the pilot project which includes the costs of hardware, software and training. The State Governments have been requested to complete the procurement so that the project can be rolled out from April 2015.