

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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CREATION OF E-PANCHAYAT  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) the budget allocation made for the creation of e-Panchayat in the country;
- (b) the road map, if any, the Government employing to implement such a massive scale technological reform;
- (c) the features and grievance redressal mechanism which the Government will provide online;
- (d) the functions allocated to the Panchayats in providing computer training to the people; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness about e-governance and ensure connectivity of panchayats for the e-governance scheme?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

- (a) In the 12th Plan period, e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) has been dovetailed with the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Hence, no separate allocation has been made for e-Panchayat project. All States/UTs have been advised to build the specific requirements for e-enablement in their annual RGPSA plans.
- (b) Under e-Panchayat MMP, a suite of Core Common Software Applications {collectively called Panchayat Enterprise Suite (PES)} has been developed to address various aspects of Panchayats functioning including planning, budgeting, implementation, accounting, monitoring, social audit and delivery of citizen services like issue of certificates, licences, etc. The level of adoption and usage of these Applications varies from State to State due to differentials in level of their capacities including power supply, internet connectivity and resources available.
- (c) To resolve technical issues faced by Panchayats in using PES Applications, a Helpline has been provided by the Ministry.
- (d) Based on the training requirements conveyed by the States, training is provided to Panchayat Functionaries and Elected Representatives on IT-literacy and usage of various software Applications developed under e-Panchayat.
- (e) The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology is implementing the National Optical Fiber Network project, wherein broadband connectivity is provided to all Gram Panchayats in the country. Further, to create awareness about e-Governance, regional workshops are regularly organized by the Government. Also, awareness is created through advertisement in various print and electronic media.