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COMPUTERISATION OF GRAM PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy of the Government so far as computerisation of the functioning of the Gram Panchayats is concerned;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats which are yet to be computerised, Statewise;
- (c) the details of the factors responsible for slow progress in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken to accelerate the pace of computerisation of Gram Panchayats?

Answer

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

(a) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is promoting e-Governance in Panchayats through implementation of a Mission Mode Project that addresses all aspects of Panchayats functioning including planning, budgeting, implementation, accounting, monitoring, social audit and delivery of citizen services like issue of certificates, licences, etc. Support for various State-specific requirements for e-enablement of Panchayats is provided to States under the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan.

(b) & (c) The level of computerisation of Gram Panchayats varies from State to State. The shortage of power supply, lack of broadband connectivity, inadequate manpower and their capacities at the Panchayat level and resources are the key factors responsible for slow progress in this regard.

(d) To accelerate the computerization of Gram Panchayats, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology is implementing the National Optical Fiber Network project, wherein broadband connectivity is being provided to all Gram Panchayats in the country. Furthermore, trainings are imparted to the elected representatives and Panchayat functionaries in the usage of core common software Applications and resources are provided to the States and Union Territories for purchase of equipment. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj regularly conducts review meetings with States/ Union Territories to expedite the pace of computerisation.