GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:155
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2015
E-PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to fully digitalize the panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the panchayats selected for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has requested the States to ensure the necessary infrastructure for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof and response of the State thereon, State-wise; and

(e) the time by which all the panchayats are likely to be digitalized across the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 155 FOR 05.03.2015 REGARDING e-PANCHAYATS

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is implementing e-Panchayat, a Mission Mode Project (MMP) under the Digital India Programme of the Government of India, that seeks to transform the functioning of all Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), making them more transparent, accountable, efficient and effective as organs of decentralized self governing institutions. Under e-Panchayat, a suite of Core Common Software Applications 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.

(c) & (d): In the 12th Plan period, e-Panchayat MMP has been dovetailed with the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) scheme of MoPR. All Part IX States/UTs have been advised to build their specific requirements for e-enablement in the respective RGPSA Annual Plans, including providing computers and organizing training courses for the elected representatives and Panchayat functionaries.

(e): Due to differentials in the level of preparedness for e-enablement at the Panchayat level, the pace of adoption and usage of these Applications varies across States/UTs. No target date has been set for the digitalization of all the Panchayats across the country.