

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1209  
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COMPUTERISATION OF PANCHAYATS  
Singh Shri Ganesh

**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has any information on computerisation and networking of Panchayats in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government proposes to launch a new scheme for computerization and networking of all the panchayats in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the funds likely to be earmarked therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government reviewed the implementation of e-Panchayat Scheme in various States and if so, the details thereof and the progress achieved during the last three years and the current year including the funds allocated and utilised, State/UT-wise ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

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(b) Bottom of Form

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) does not maintain any database on the number of Panchayats computerized and networked across the country. MoPR does not propose to launch any new scheme for computerization and networking of the Panchayats in the country. However, under the National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) scheme of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), approved on 25.10.2011, all the Panchayats are proposed to be connected through Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) with an estimated cost of Rs. 20,000 crores. MoPR is also promoting e-Governance in Panchayats through implementation of e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) wherein 11 Software Applications are envisaged addressing all aspects of Panchayats' functioning. The State/UT-wise adoption status of Software Applications developed under e-Panchayat MMP is placed at Annex-I.

The details of funds released by MoPR to all States/UTs for e-Panchayat during last three years and current year is shown at Annex-II. The project is regularly reviewed by the MoPR by conducting meetings with States/UTs at the level of Secretary/Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary. Recently, four regional consultations were held by MoPR in New Delhi, Hyderabad, Pune and Guwahati between 27th-30th May, 2014 wherein progress of implementation of e-Panchayat was reviewed.