

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:158
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2006
SETTING UP OF PANCHAYAT TRAINING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is contemplating to set up new Panchayat Training Centres in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof location-wise alongwith the funds released for the purpose; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a), (b), AND (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.158 DUE FOR REPLY ON 01/03/2006 REGARDING SETTING UP OF PANCHAYAT TRAINING CENTRES

(a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj extends financial assistance to States to carry out the task of imparting training to elected representatives and the Government functionaries concerned in an effective, time-bound and economical fashion. The Ministry provides assistance to State Institutes of Rural Development and a number of extension training centers in different parts of the country which are engaged in imparting the training. The State Governments are also encouraged to use available infrastructure, including networking with NGOs and other institutions, for carrying out the work of Panchayati Raj training.

An exercise is currently underway in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to prepare a National Training Design that aims at up-scaling the capacity building effort and to make it more comprehensive in terms of coverage, inputs, quality, etc. A separate State Action Plan is also being included for each State/Union Territory.