

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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INTERLINKING OF PANCHAYATS THROUGH COMPUTERS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to provide computers to Panchayats, interlink them with one another and also a national panchayat portal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount earmarked for this purpose;
- (d) the number of panchayats likely to be provided this facility;
- (e) the time by which all the panchayats are likely to be provided with computers; and
- (f) the extent to which this facility is likely to increase the employment in the rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is working on a scheme for the computerization of Panchayats under the National e-Governance Plan in close coordination with the Planning Commission, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Communications and IT. In consultation with this Ministry, State Governments are to take into account their individual initiatives in this regard, as also to understand the gaps, needs and constraints in e-Governance for Panchayats.

(b) to (e) Being worked out.

(f) It is recognised that IT (Information Technology) and Communication is a vital input for capacity building. The computerisation of Panchayats may facilitate State Governments in the opening of new avenues of employment in rural areas.