

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING TO REPRESENTATIVES OF PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS

Singh Shri Chandrabhan Bhaiya

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the Schemes launched by the Union Government to bring awareness among the representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions and members of Standing Committees of Gram Sabhas and to impart training to them;

(b) whether the Union Government is sharing the expenditure incurred on imparting the training to representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions and members of Standing Committees of Gram Sabhas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to increase its share; and

(e) if so, the time by which the decision would be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

a) The name of the scheme being run by the Central Government to create awareness among the representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Members of the Standing Committees of the Panchayats and the Gram Sabhas is 'Panchayat Development & Training'. The budget provision for Panchayat Development and Training for the year 2005-06 is Rs. 24.40 crore. This is in addition to the State-run Schemes.

(b)&(c) Yes Sir. Under the scheme the total approved cost of the proposal received from the states is shared in the ratio of 75:25 between Central and State Government.

(d)&(e) In the Round Table Conference with the State Ministers Incharge of Panchayati Raj held in Jaipur in December, 2004 the following recommendations on Training and Capacity Building were adopted : -

(i) Training and Communication ought to reach all PRI Functionaries.

(ii) Special efforts to be made for sensitizing Media, Political Parties and Civil Society organizations.

(iii) Special Training for Women, SC/ST representatives as well as first time entrants into the Panchayat System.

(iv) Training and Communication should be continuous and ongoing process.

(v) There should be a minimum core curriculum that is common across the states to adapt to local context.

(vi) Training strategy should be inclusive, participative and interactive.

(vii) There should be a national perspective plan on Decentralized Training and Capacity Building.

Government is inviting proposals to enhance provision for Training and Capacity Building in consultation with all concerned.