

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3077  
ANSWERED ON:05.09.2007  
COMMITTEE FOR STRENGTHENING THE PANCHAYATS  
Murmu Shri Hemlal

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

- (a) whether a Committee for strengthening the role of Panchayats under the Central Schemes has been constituted;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. A committee was established vide Cabinet Secretary's Office order No.563/9/2/2007-CA.IV dated 16.8.2007 under the co-chairmanship of Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Secretary(Coordination & Public Grievances) in the Cabinet Secretariat to review the progress in implementing the directions of the Cabinet Secretary dated 8th November, 2004 to all Union Ministries concerned to restructure Centrally Sponsored Schemes to provide for the role of Panchayats in planning and implementation in conformity with the relevant Constitutional provisions. These consultations are likely to be completed with the Ministries concerned by the end of September 2007.