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Computerization in Jharkhand Panchayats

Non-availability of Internet Connectivity, Power, Hardware & Trained Man-power Major Factors for Slow Progress

Panchayati Raj Min Informs RS MP Nathwani

Ranchi : August 11, 2012 : In Jharkhand, over 300 functionaries have been imparted training in PRIASoft and PlanPlus. 380 Panchayat functionaries and elected members were imparted training in basic ICT literacy. During the year 2011-12, as many as 23 district Panchayats, 125 block-panchayats and 2464 gram Panchayats made voucher entries in PRIASoft; whereas nine district panchayats, 67 block panchayats and 1559 gram panchayats adopted PlanPlus in Jharkhand.

The union minister of Panchayati raj Mr. V. Kishore Chandra Deo informed rajya sabha in a written reply to the rajya sabha member from the state Mr. Parimal Nathwani. Mr. Nathwani wanted to know about the policy of computerization with regard to panchayats; and steps taken to accelerate the pace of computerization in Jharkhand's panchayats.

Mr. Deo gave an elaborate account of the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project being implemented by the ministry of panchayati raj under which eleven core common software applications were identified. Four of these applications viz. PRIASoft, PlanPlus, National Panchayat Portal and Local Governance Directory were rolled out for public domain; Mr. Deo said.

He said that lack of internet connectivity, power, hardware and insufficient number of trained manpower at Gram Panchayat level were contributing factors in the slow progress of computerization of panchayats. He added that workshops and training were organized for state governments' functionaries, consultants were provided to 25 States to roll out the project and Rs. 38.5 Crore were released to all States/UTs for setting up of Program Management Units at State and District levels for adoption of applications.

