

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1184**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/12/2024

**ADMISSION OF PANCHAYATI RAJ EMPLOYEES TO IIT AND IIM**

1184. SHRI JAI PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided, for the first time, to allow admission of Panchayati Raj employees, across the country, to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) with the aim to abreast them with digital literacy, rural development and develop enhance their leadership, potentiality, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ**

**(Prof. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry has taken the initiative to fund Long-Term Domestic Training Programs, up to one year in duration, under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) for the officials of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). These programs are being organised in collaboration with Institutes of Excellence (IoE) and other institutes of national repute, including Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), to build the leadership capabilities of PRI officials, thereby strengthening grassroots governance and ensuring sustainable rural development.

In this regard, the Ministry has signed MoUs with six IIMs (Ahmedabad, Shillong, Amritsar, Jammu, Bodhgaya, Rohtak), IIT Dhanbad, and the Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA) for conducting Leadership/Management Development Programs (MDPs). So far, 193 participants including 38 Elected Women Representatives have been trained through five MDPs conducted at four IIMs (Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Jammu, Bodhgaya) and IRMA.

\*\*\*\*\*