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भारत
MINISTER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND CO-OPERATION
INDIA

New Delhi
March 25, 1964.

Dear Shri Masani,

// It is a little over four years since Panchayati Raj was first introduced in Rajasthan. Since then the movement has made rapid strides, and today Panchayati Raj has been fully established in ten States, with the others in the process of implementation. The progress of the movement has attracted the attention of thinkers and leaders of opinion throughout the country. This is as it should be. We have been feeling the need, for some time now, of a national forum, reflecting all shades of public opinion, which may guide further policy making on Panchayati Raj. It has accordingly been decided to set up a Consultative Council on Panchayati Raj to advise the Ministry. The enclosure would show the proposed composition and terms of reference of the Council.

In view of your abiding interest in the subject, I have taken the liberty of including your name as a member of the proposed Consultative Council. I would request you kindly to let me have your consent. With your valuable association, the Council, I am sure, will be able to make effective contribution towards the promotion of the objectives for which Panchayati Raj stands.

Kind regards. Jai Hind.

Yours sincerely,

(S.K. Dey)

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Consultative Council on Panchayati Raj

Proposed composition:

1)	Union Minister (CD&C) (Chairman), Dy. Minister(CD), Deputy Minister (Coop)	...	3
2)	Members of Parliament	...	12
3)	Members of Legislative Assembly	...	8
4)	State Ministers	...	6
5)	All India Panchayat Parishad	...	10
6)	Voluntary Organisations	...	6
7)	Universities	...	2
8)	Institutions engaged in Study & Research allied to Panchayati Raj	...	3
9)	Eminent individuals	...	2
10)	Representatives of Central Government	...	4
11)	Officials and others	...	3
12)	Press	...	1
Total:			60

Terms of reference:

- a) To advise the Ministry on general policies relating to Panchayati Raj;
- b) to review progress in the implementation of Panchayati Raj in the States with special reference to the adequacy and depth of decentralisation;
- c) to suggest measures for educating public opinion in a better understanding of the role and objectives of the Panchayati Raj movement;
- d) to advise on measures necessary for ensuring optimum local initiative for the healthy growth and consolidation of Panchayati Raj; and
- e) to make recommendations with regard to training and research in Panchayati Raj for the consideration of appropriate authorities.