

Plan finalised for computerisation

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The government has finalised an action plan for total computerisation of the rural development department under which all the 76 development blocks and 3243 gram panchayats of the state will be covered.

Secretary, information technology, B.K. Aggarwal said today that under the plan a Block Management Information System (MIS) would be put in place using the software developed by the NIC (national informatics centre) for maintenance of accounts and monitoring of construction works. The system works on the double entry system of accounting and generates all mandatory reports on the click

of a mouse. He said that the financial transactions were captured directly from the vouchers and linked with development works being executed through panchayats.

He said video conferencing facility would be created in each block which would also be used by the farmers for taking advice from the experts of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and fisheries departments. The network would be extended to the two farm universities of the state. He said that the video conferencing between farmers and experts would be organised on fixed days at each block.

He said it was comprehensive software which covered almost all functions of panchayat.