

ROLE OF THE PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS IN PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

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ABSTRACT

Since Independence, there felt the requirement of frequent grass root level arrangement to involve the rural areas for their own development. It was assumed to be as a source of actual independent political device which would bring the grassroots into a vigorous governmental control from below. In other words, Panchayati Raj could be interpreted as a means to provide rural people with better opportunities for economic development, better involvement of people in development programmes, decentralization of powers and planning from one centralized authority to lower chain. Nowadays, Panchayati Raj Institutions is also being used for increasing the utility of rural development programmes and to take care of the proper implementation of these programmes and distribution of benefits to the needy ones. In this line, the supervision or monitoring of many programmes like Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojna, Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojna etc., was given to Panchayati Raj Institutions, so that to improve the transparency of these programmes at grassroot level.

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