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Ch5-Panchayati Raj System

Sources of income of Gram Panchayat

- Taxes on property & land, goods, cattle & fairs.
- Fines on the offender
- Share in land revenue collected by the government.
- Grants from the State Government
- Income on common land.

The Nyaya Panchayat

This is the judicial wing of the Panchayat. It hears & decides petty civil cases. Its powers & are limited to imposing fines & it cannot send any body to jail.

Block Samiti At Block level

The Panchayat or Block Samiti is the local self-governing body that exists over the village Panchayat. A Panchayat Samiti is formed at the Block level comprising generally of 100 villages.. Members of Panchayat Samiti elect its chairperson and vice-chairperson. Its tenure is 5 years. The chairperson of the Panchayat Samiti is called Block Pramukh.

Functions of the Block Samiti

- Coordinating & supervising the functioning of Panchayats.
- Implementation of community development programmes.
- Training of farmers in scientific methods of agriculture & animal husbandry.
- Arranging health programmes like mass inoculation (for example, Pulse Polio)
- Encouraging growth of cottage industries & traditional crafts.

Sources of income

Grant-in-aid by the state Government is the major source of revenue. This samiti also has power to levy certain taxes on business, trade or on transfer of property.

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