

BENGAL mulls new policies in cold storage & Panchayati Raj

MI News Service, Kolkata: The new BJP government in West Bengal is planning an overhaul in cold storage and panchayatiraj policies. Dilip Ghosh, Minister in-Charge of the Departments of Panchayats and Rural Development and Agricultural Marketing, Government of West Bengal said that he aims at a change in policies in various sectors to make systems hassle and corruption free. Dilip Ghosh was interacting at a special session on "Business Opportunities in West Bengal in a Changing Scenario" organized by Calcutta Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata. Ghosh said that the state government has planned to whittle down the powers of Panchayat Pradhans thereby

making it more smooth and decentralized. To him, Panchayat is a big place for corruption and Panchayat Pradhans play a pivotal role in this respect. Quailing the powers of Panchayat Pradhan will help to fight with corruption and there would more development in rural areas.

The minister further mentioned that West Bengal for long has been suffering from cold storage problem. Ghosh said that the new BJP government aims to open up multiple mini multipurpose cold storages in the entire state. He also stressed to enhance tourism prospect in West Bengal via Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.