

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2318
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

DIGITIZATION OF PANCHAYATS IN BIHAR

2318. #SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Panchayats in the country which have been completely digitized;
- (b) the details thereof, especially with reference to the State of Bihar; and
- (c) the details of the budget earmarked for the development of Panchayats for the current year and the amount of fund allocated for the State of Bihar?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) & (b) Under Digital India Programme, Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) with the aim to transform the functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), making them more transparent, accountable and effective. The Ministry launched eGramSwaraj, a work-based Accounting Application for Panchayati Raj Institutions under the e-Panchayat MMP on 24th April 2020. This application encompasses all aspects of Panchayat functioning viz. Planning/ budgeting, accounting, monitoring, asset management and online payment.

Under the Digital India Programme, BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications in a phased manner to provide connectivity in all the Gram Panchayats in the country through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology including Fiber to the Home (FTTH). As on 16.03.2022, a total of 1,76,793 GPs have been made Service Ready under the BharatNet project in the country. State/UT-wise Service Ready GPs is at **Annexure**. The targeted date for the completion of the project is August, 2023. The scope of BharatNet on 30.06.2021 has been extended from all GPs to all inhabited villages in the country.

In Bihar, 8,834 out of 9,419 Gram Panchayats have been made Service Ready under Bharat Net Project.

(c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been supplementing the efforts of States for strengthening of panchayats through Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA). During the current financial an amount of Rs. 555.743 cr. (so far) has been released to States/UTs under the scheme for various activities including computerisation. During the current financial year Annual Action Plan of an amount of Rs. 268.9 crore has been approved to the State of Bihar and Rs. 63.768 cr. have been released so far.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2318 answered on 23.03.2022 regarding 'Digitization of Panchayats in Bihar'. State/UT-wise Status of Service Ready Gram Panchayats (GPs) including Block Headquarters (BHQs) under BharatNet

S.No	STATE / UTs NAME	No. of Service Ready GPs including BHQs
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	27
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	1,727
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	773
4	ASSAM	1,638
5	BIHAR	8,834
6	CHANDIGARH	13
7	CHHATTISGARH	8,971
8	GOA	0
9	GUJARAT	14,380
10	HARYANA	6,204
11	HIMACHAL PRADESH	412
12	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1,091
13	JHARKHAND	4,535
14	KARNATAKA	6,250
15	KERALA	1,130
16	LADAKH	190
17	LAKSHADWEEP	9
18	MADHYA PRADESH	17,760
19	MAHARASHTRA	22,197
20	MANIPUR	1,432
21	MEGHALAYA	647
22	MIZORAM	387
23	NAGALAND	229
24	ODISHA	6,941
25	PUDUCHERRY	101
26	PUNJAB	12,807
27	RAJASTHAN	8,991
28	SIKKIM	23
29	TAMIL NADU	0
30	TELANGANA	7,142
31	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	41
32	TRIPURA	750
33	UTTAR PRADESH	36,883
34	UTTARAKHAND	1,680
35	WEST BENGAL	2,598
TOTAL		176,793