

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 86**  
ANSWERED ON 07/12/2022

**INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS OF GRAM PANCHAYATS**

86# DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages in the country till date and number of Gram Panchayats among those villages;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats having their own concrete buildings;
- (c) the number of Gram Panchayats functioning through the rented or non-concrete offices;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to provide concrete building, electricity, water and modern amenities to all Gram Panchayats; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) to (c) As per information there are 662841 villages in the country. Further, out of 271770 Gram Panchayats (GPs)/ Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) across the country, 51508 are not having their own building.

(d) & (e) 'Panchayat' being State subject, providing infrastructural facilities such as Panchayat Building, electricity, computers etc. are primarily the responsibility of the States. However, Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) supplements the efforts of the States, through its schemes and programmes.

Support for infrastructural facilities of computers & peripherals, electricity connections, water etc. in GPs is provided under various schemes/ programmes of MoPR viz. Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), Central Finance Commission grants etc. Financial support on a limited scale for construction of GP Bhawans is provided to States under RGSA Scheme. Since 2018-19, approximately 10556 GP Bhawans have been approved for construction.

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