GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3271
ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023

INTERNET/E-PANCHAYAT FACILITIES TO GRAM PANCHAYATS

3271. SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

(a) the current status of the progress made in the direction of providing internet/ePanchayat facilities to Gram Panchayats in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats in Jharkhand that have been provided internet/ePanchayat facilities;

(c) the progress achieved under the Digital India Programme in rural areas to enable the viability of the said facility; and

(d) by when all the Gram Panchayats in the country are likely to be equipped with said facilities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a)   to (d)   Under Digital India Programme, Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), in all the States/ UTs of the country. The aim is to revamp the functioning of Panchayats and to make them more transparent, accountable and effective. Ministry has launched eGramSwaraj, an accounting application to simplify Panchayat work like planning, accounting and budgeting. Ministry has also integrated eGramSwaraj with Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for Gram Panchayats (GPs) to make real time payments to vendors/service providers. The progress made by States, including Jharkhand, under eGramSwaraj in for the year 2022-23 is given at **Annexure-I**.

For providing high bandwidth capacity, expansion of mobile services and broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas, BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications in a phased manner to create network to connect all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2, 55,000) in the country. The scope of BharatNet on 30.06.2021 has been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country. As per the information available with this Ministry from BharatNet UNMS dashboard, so far 1,93,531 GPs have been made Service Ready under the BharatNet project in the country. State/UT-wise Service Ready GPs is at **Annexure-II.** The project is targeted to be completed in the year 2025.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3271 answered on 29.03.2023 regarding 'Internet/E-Panchayat Facilities to Gram Panchayats'.

Adoption of eGramSwaraj at Panchayat level during FY 2022-23

S. No	State Name	Total Number of Village Panchayats & Equivalent	Village Panchayat onboard	Village Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment	Total Number of Block Panchayats	Block Panchayat onboard	Block Panchayats with Online Payment	Total Number of Zila Panchayats	Zila Panchayat onboard	Zila Panchayats with Online Payment
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	13371	8845	2	660	603	0	13	13	10
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2114	2088	1120	0	0	0	25	25	20
3	ASSAM	2663	2197	2180	191	191	191	30	26	26
4	BIHAR	8176	8175	7920	534	534	531	38	38	36
5	CHHATTISGARH	11659	11658	11537	146	146	146	27	27	27
6	GOA	191	191	131	0	0	0	2	1	1
7	GUJARAT	14400	14236	13334	248	248	248	33	33	33
8	HARYANA	6230	5976	3605	142	140	84	22	22	17
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3615	3611	3557	81	81	80	12	12	12
10	JHARKHAND	4345	4342	4337	264	264	263	24	24	24
11	KARNATAKA	5958	5958	5938	233	232	226	31	31	31
12	KERALA	941	941	940	152	152	152	14	14	14
13	MADHYA PRADESH	23032	22970	21419	313	313	303	52	52	51
14	MAHARASHTRA	27896	27713	25942	351	351	351	34	34	34
15	MANIPUR	3812	161	160	0	0	0	12	6	6
16	MEGHALAYA	6760	0	0	2240	0	0	3	3	0

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17	MIZORAM	834	834	764	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	NAGALAND	1293	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	ODISHA	6798	6798	6764	314	314	314	30	30	30
20	PUNJAB	13241	13162	9629	152	151	131	22	22	21
21	RAJASTHAN	11342	11314	11241	352	352	350	33	33	33
22	SIKKIM	198	181	175	0	0	0	6	4	4
23	TAMIL NADU	12525	12480	11788	388	388	386	36	36	36
24	TELANGANA	12769	12745	12468	540	539	500	32	32	32
25	TRIPURA	1178	1178	1151	75	75	75	9	9	8
26	UTTARAKHAND	7812	7789	7686	95	95	92	13	13	13
27	UTTAR PRADESH	58842	58812	58138	827	826	822	75	75	75
28	WEST BENGAL	3340	3229	3222	344	334	334	22	21	21
	Total	265335	247589	225148	8642	6329	5579	650	636	615

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Status of Service Ready and Operational Gram Panchayats

Sr. No	State Name	Total GPs/ TLBs	Service Ready GPs/TLBs	Operational GPs/TLBs
1.	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	70	78	66
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	13325	5217	1716
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2108	949	217
4.	ASSAM	2197	1640	616
5.	BIHAR	8174	8848	3732
6.	CHHATTISGARH	11656	9616	4743
7.	GOA	191	0	0
8.	GUJARAT	14376	14502	11413
9.	HARYANA	6220	6204	3006
10.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3615	414	290
11.	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	4291	1106	506
12.	JHARKHAND	4345	4612	2064
13.	KARNATAKA	5958	6251	3634
14.	KERALA	941	1130	956
15.	LADAKH	193	192	38
16.	LAKSHADWEEP	10	9	5
17.	MADHYA PRADESH	23023	18084	4357
18.	MAHARASHTRA	27894	24032	9266
19.	MANIPUR	3818	1465	310
20.	MEGHALAYA	9058	680	117
21.	MIZORAM	834	441	58
22.	NAGALAND	1292	230	28
23.	ODISHA	6794	7097	4532
24.	PUDUCHERRY	108	101	89
25.	PUNJAB	13241	12807	10459
26.	RAJASTHAN	11265	8991	7698
27.	SIKKIM	198	54	15
28.	TAMIL NADU	12525	1778	790
29.	TELANGANA	12769	9359	2688
30.	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	38	41	16
31.	TRIPURA	591	755	302
32.	UTTAR PRADESH	58188	42128	6144
33.	UTTARAKHAND	7796	1878	1174
34.	WEST BENGAL	3339	2842	2136
	Grand Total	**270441**	**193531**	**83181**