

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 114
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

SCHEMES FOR E-GOVERNANCE AT PANCHAYAT LEVEL

114. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to ensure that information about Government welfare schemes reaches the people at Panchayat level and tribal areas regularly, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government have any plans to connect public administration offices across the country with e-governance for better transparency and productivity; and
- (c) whether Government propose to streamline the process of setting up community radio stations and encourage the same in rural and urban areas so that information can easily be delivered to each area?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting disseminates information on Government policies, programmes, initiatives and achievements utilizing various media vehicles. People up to the level of Gram Panchayat also get informed about the ongoing and new programmes and policies of Government of India through New India Samachar, a fortnightly publication.

(b) In the ambit of the Digital India Programme, the government has launched the eGramSwaraj application under the e-Panchayats Mission Mode Project. The application serves as a comprehensive digital platform for Panchayats, encompassing planning, accounting, monitoring, and facilitating online payments. A notable achievement includes the preparation and upload of Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) by 2.49 lakh Gram Panchayats for the year 2023-24. Besides this the BharatNet project, implemented by the Department of Telecommunications aims to create a broadband network connecting all Gram Panchayats and as on date 2,10,181 Gram Panchayats have been made Service Ready. These Plans signify a concerted effort to strengthen governance, transparency, and efficiency at the grassroots level.

(c) The Government has taken several steps for streamlining the process of setting up of Community Radio Stations in the country. An online portal has been developed for receiving and processing application for grant of permission for setting up of Community Radio Station.
