

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1192
ANSWERED ON 13/12/2023

DIGITISATION IN GRAM PANCHAYATS (GPS)

1192 SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI:
SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:
SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:
SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:
SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:
SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that out of 2,71,102 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, only 2,19,889 GPs have been computerized;
- (b) if so, the timeline for supplying computers to every GP in the country to achieve the goal of digitisation of functioning of GPs;
- (c) if so, the envisioned timeline for achieving broadband connectivity across all Gram Panchayats by 2024-25; and
- (d) State-wise update on the progress towards this connectivity goal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

- (a) As per the information available, out of 269073 Gram Panchayats (GPs)/ Traditional Local Bodies (TLBs), 226063 GPs have been computerized.
- (b) Panchayat being State subject, providing computers for Gram Panchayats (GPs) is primarily the responsibility of States. However, under the revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme approved for implementation from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2026, has been supplementing the efforts of all States/UTs with focus on NE States, towards supporting functioning of GPs by providing computers as proposed by States/UTs in their Annual Action Plan and approved by Central Empowered Committee on a limited scale. Apart from this, the untied/basic grants under 15th Finance Commission can also be used by Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) for computerization of GPs.

(c) Bharat Net project is being implemented in a phased manner by Department of Telecommunications to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats and equivalent in the country. As on date, over 2.12 lakh GPs have been made Service Ready under the Bharat Net project in the country. The scope of coverage of Bharat Net has been expanded to all inhabited villages from 30.06.2021. The targets of BSNL for providing Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections to all GPs through Bharat Net by 2024-25.

(d) State-wise progress towards connectivity goal is at **Annexure**.

Annexure

Annex refer to in reply to Part (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1192 answered on 13/12/2023

Sl. No.	State Name	Service Ready	Operational
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	81	61
2	Andhra Pradesh	12729	3654
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1081	191
4	Assam	1640	486
5	Bihar	8860	2755
6	Chhattisgarh	9759	2222
7	Goa	0	0
8	Gujarat	14545	10881
9	Haryana	6204	976
10	Himachal Pradesh	415	274
11	Jammu and Kashmir	1113	400
12	Jharkhand	4638	1801
13	Karnataka	6251	3173
14	Kerala	1130	931
15	Ladakh	193	51
16	Lakshadweep	9	3
17	Madhya Pradesh	18102	2220
18	Maharashtra	24166	2600
19	Manipur	1479	18
20	Meghalaya	692	73
21	Mizoram	495	57
22	Nagaland	230	17
23	Odisha	7099	3559
24	Puducherry	101	91
25	Punjab	12807	6854
26	Rajasthan	8997	5327
27	Sikkim	54	13
28	Tamil Nadu	6837	2675
29	Telangana	10797	4872
30	The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	41	20
31	Tripura	771	345
32	Uttar Pradesh	45863	1900
33	Uttarakhand	2013	837
34	West Bengal	2909	1904
	Total	212101	61241