

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1046**  
ANSWERED ON 31/07/2024

**INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GRAM PANCHAYATS**

1046 # DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of villages in the Country as on date and the number of gram panchayats covering these villages;
- (b) the number of gram panchayats having their own pucca offices;
- (c) the number of panchayats functioning from rented or kutcha offices;
- (d) whether Government has any plans to provide pucca buildings, electricity, water and modern facilities to all gram panchayats; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) to (c) As per information available from the Local Government Directory, there are 2.68 lakh Gram Panchayats/Rural Local Bodies and 6.65 lakh Villages in the country. As per information available in the Ministry, out of the total 2.68 lakh village panchayats, only 35,525 do not have their own panchayat buildings.

(d) & (e) 'Panchayat' being a State subject, primary responsibility of providing infrastructure for Panchayats, including the building, electricity, water and modern facilities, lies with the States. However, under the revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme Ministry supplements the efforts of States/UTs by providing some of the infrastructure, including Panchayat Bhawans, to Gram Panchayats, on a limited scale, with special focus on North Eastern States. Under the scheme, since 2022-23, approximately 6664 GP Bhawans have been approved for construction.

Further, the funds received by the Panchayats under Untied Grants of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV FC), State Grants & Own Source Revenue can also be utilized for fulfilling the infrastructure requirements as per felt need.

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