

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2969
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/03/2025

RASHTRIYA GRAM SWARAJ ABHIYAN

2969 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schemes implemented under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA);
- (b) the objectives of the e-GramSwaraj app;
- (c) whether the e-GramSwaraj app is beneficial in monitoring the work done in the panchayats; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

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(a) The Ministry is implementing revamped RGSA is itself a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented from 2022-23 with the main objective for strengthening Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) to imparting training to all the Elected Representatives (ERs) and other stakeholders to develop their governance capabilities for leadership roles to enable the Gram Panchayats to function effectively. Under the scheme capacity building and training of elected representatives, functionaries and other stakeholders of Panchayats supported under different categories viz. basic orientation and refresher training, thematic training, specialized training, panchayat development plan training, etc. Apart from different training, Ministry also supports for exposure visits, development of training modules and materials, etc. Furthermore, a new initiative has been introduced to enhance the capacity and provide training to elected representatives and Panchayat functionaries through institutes of excellence under the Leadership/Management Development Program (MDP).

Further, the scheme also provides support for establishment of institutional mechanism for the Capacity Building & Training and to create Panchayat infrastructure like Gram Panchayat Bhawan, Computer and Co-location of Common Service Centres (CSCs) in Gram Panchayat Bhawan on a limited scale. Various e-governance initiatives, under the umbrella of e-GramSwaraj, are being implemented under the revamped RGSA to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of Gram Panchayats.

(b) to (d) Under the Mission Mode Project (MMP) of revamped scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) the Digital India Programme supported to enhance the eGovernance capabilities of Panchayats, ensuring better service delivery, transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in Panchayat governance. This is achieved through initiatives like eGramSwaraj, which enables Panchayats to prepare and upload their Annual Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) online, and integration with the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and

Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for streamlined financial transactions and transparent procurement.

The e-GramSwaraj is highly beneficial in monitoring the work done in the panchayats by enhancing transparency and accountability through real-time tracking of developmental activities and financial expenditures. It simplifies work-based accounting, integrates with the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for accurate financial reporting, and allows comprehensive monitoring of projects, including geo-tagging of assets.

Further, applications developed by the Ministry like Meri Panchayat has endeavored to bring transparency in Panchayat Governance by making information on planning, activities and progress of works in Panchayat accessible to public. Similarly, Panchayat NIRNAY is an online application aims at bringing transparency and better management in conduct of Gram Sabhas by Panchayats.

An application of 'AuditOnline' has been developed for online audits of Panchayat accounts and their financial management. AuditOnline for transparent auditing of Central Finance Commission funds utilization for strengthen financial management of Panchayats launched in April 2020.
