

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3608
ANSWERED ON 02/04/2025

WORKSHOPS ON WOMEN-FRIENDLY GRAM PANCHAYATS

3608 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is running any special scheme for the selection of model women friendly Gram Panchayats in each district and their overall development, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the specific measures being taken to ensure effective participation of women representatives in the workshops and follow-up initiatives and;
- (c) whether Government is making any formal arrangement for women elected representatives to share best practices and experiences across different states to promote women-led governance through a collaborative approach, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(Prof. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

- (a) Ministry had launched the process of the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) through Panchayati Raj Institutions by consolidating 17 Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) into 9 themes with an objective to achieve the agenda of Sustainable Development by 2030 at the grassroots. Taking this forward, Ministry has initiated the process of assisting the States/UTs in transforming the selected Gram Panchayats by saturating these Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Theme-9(Women Friendly Gram Panchayat) of LSDGs. In this regard, initially State/UTs have identified and selected one GP in each district for transforming these GPs into Model Women Friendly Gram Panchayat (MWFGP). For this, Ministry has developed a specialized module for States/ UTs to provide Capacity Building & Training to Elected Representatives & Panchayat Functionaries of the selected Gram Panchayats so that these selected Gram Panchayats can improve on various women-friendly related parameters and can be saturated later like regular conduct of Mahila Sabha etc.
- (b) Ministry has issued advisories to the States/UTs and also holds series of review meeting to ensure effective participation of women representatives in the workshop.

(c) Yes Sir. During the workshop, several best practices implemented by the elected women representatives on innovative models; collaborative approaches were presented. Additionally, women elected representatives shared their experiences of exemplary practices aimed at promoting women-led governance in rural areas.

Further, States/UTs have been advised to organize workshops for Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) at the State and District levels during the year 2025-26. These workshops will provide a platform for sharing best practices and success stories related to initiatives undertaken by EWRs in the field.
