

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3611**  
ANSWERED ON 02/04/2025

**EMPOWERING WOMEN IN RURAL GOVERNANCE**

3611 DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has established One Model Gram Panchayat in each district for specialized training for development of leadership skills marking a significant step in advancing grassroots gender-sensitive policies;
- (b) if yes details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has designed any Dashboard for Monitoring Women-friendly Panchayats' Progress, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is collaborating to ensure the health-related initiatives at village level with a vision of Sashakt Mahila, Sashakt Panchayat leads to Sashakt Bharat?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(Prof. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a)& (b) Yes Sir. 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). Specialized Training of Model Women Friendly Gram Panchayats would be focused on building the capacity of the Panchayats on different features of women friendly; women participation in rural governance to strengthen their leadership & managerial skills towards the gender equality and empowering women and girls and ensuring equal opportunities for all towards women led development.

(c) Yes Sir. Ministry has developed a Dashboard on Model Women Friendly Gram Panchayat to track the progress on different indicators like; women participation in the Gram Sabha; conduct of Mahila Sabha etc. for timely interventions to be made to saturate theme 9: Women Friendly Panchayat.

(d) The Ministry recognizes the importance of grassroots-level initiatives to ensure the overall well-being of the people, particularly in village through different collaborative

approaches. The vision of Sashakt Mahila (Empowered Women), Sashakt Panchayat (Empowered Panchayat), and Sashakt Bharat (Empowered India) is fundamental to achieving a healthier, more inclusive society. Through the combined efforts of multiple stakeholders, the government is taking proactive steps to ensure that health initiatives at the village level not only improve individual well-being but also contribute to the empowerment of communities, thereby paving the way for a healthier and stronger India.

Further, Ministry is driving the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the grassroots level through Panchayats, focusing on nine thematic approaches. One of these, "Healthy Panchayat," aims to ensure health and well-being for all ages. Health is one of the 29 subjects devolved to Panchayats, making Panchayati Raj Institutions vital in implementing health initiatives at the village level to improve rural community health.

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