

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *293
ANSWERED ON 20/08/2025

MODEL MWFGP

293 SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific objectives of the Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayat (MWFGP);
- (b) the current State-wise progress in implementing the MWFGP initiative, including the number of Gram Panchayats identified and the development status of the Key Performance Indicator based dashboard for monitoring;
- (c) the details of the capacity-building and training framework for the MWFGP initiative; and
- (d) the nature and extent of the collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in designing, implementing, and monitoring the MWFGP initiative across all States and Union Territories?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 293 FOR ANSWER ON 20.08.2025 REGARDING MODEL MWFGP

(a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), the Ministry has taken up capacity building of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) through training of Elected Representatives (ERs), including Women Elected Representatives (WERs), functionaries, and other stakeholders to enhance their leadership and governance capabilities.

As part of this effort, the Ministry launched the Sashakt Panchayat Netri Abhiyan during the National Workshop held on 4–5 March 2025 in New Delhi to empower Women Panchayat Leaders with knowledge and skills on various aspects of rural governance. The campaign also saw the launch of the Model Women Friendly Gram Panchayat (MWFGP) initiative along with other initiatives for Women Led Development.

The MWFGP initiative aims to create an inclusive and gender- sensitive local governance system that ensures women’s participation, safety, rights, and empowerment at the grassroots level. In line with the broader objective of saturating all Gram Panchayats in the country across all nine themes of the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs), States/UTs have been guided to commence with Theme 9: Women Friendly Panchayat, by identifying one Gram Panchayat in each district for transformation into a MWFGP. These Gram Panchayats will act as learning centres for replication of the interventions made by them among other Gram Panchayats subsequently.

In furtherance to this initiative under Sashakt Panchayat Netri Abhiyan, Ministry has launched comprehensive Training Module for assisting the States/UTs for the Capacity Building of Women Elected Representatives (WER) of Panchayati Raj Institutions to strengthen their leadership & managerial skills for effective delivery of good governance. The key objectives of the training module are to build the capacity of the WER on different aspects of rural governance; equip them with the knowledge & skills for effective delivery in roles & responsibilities as elected representatives and to develop their leadership, communication & decision making skills for effective women led governance. Currently, Training of Women Elected Representatives on Agency Building under Specialized Training Module is in progress by State/UTs.

(b)& (c) A total of 742 Gram Panchayats have been identified as MWFGPs by 32 States/UTs. To monitor progress, the Ministry has developed a MWFGP Dashboard with 41 indicators under six broad sub-themes: Participation in Governance; Education & Skill Development; Access to Economic Opportunities; Health & Nutrition; Safety & Security; and Advocacy against Harmful Practices. States/UTs have been trained on dashboard functionalities to ensure accurate and quality data entry, with baseline data creation currently

underway. List of Gram Panchayats selected for developing them as Model Women Friendly Gram Panchayat (State/UT wise) is placed at **Annexure-I**.

For capacity building, training modules and learning materials on women friendly Gram Panchayat have been developed and shared with States/UTs. A cadre of 310 State Level Master Trainers was trained. Subsequently, States/UTs have organised training for Sarpanches/Presidents/Pradhans, Secretaries, and other MWFGP stakeholders in State Institutes of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (SIRDs) on different features of MWFGP; role of GP in transforming in MWFGP & to integrate women-friendly measures into Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs). State/UT wise list of State Level Master Trainer is placed at **Annexure II**.

(d) The Ministry has collaborated with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) as the knowledge partner for MWFGP. UNFPA has supported the development of training modules, training of Master Trainers, and provision of technical inputs to build the capacity of Elected Representatives and Panchayati Raj Functionaries, thereby strengthening the design, implementation, and monitoring of MWFGPs across States/UTs.

Annex refer to in reply to Part (b) & (c) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 293 to be answered on 20/08/2025

Number of Gram Panchayats selected for developing them as Model Women Friendly Gram Panchayat (MWFGP) (State/UT wise)

S. No.	State/UT	Total No. of Districts	No. of MWFGPs
1	Andaman & Nicobar	3	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	26	26
3	Arunachal Pradesh	27	27
4	Assam	35	27
5	Bihar	38	38
6	Chhattisgarh	33	27
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	3	3
8	Goa	2	2
9	Gujarat	33	33
10	Haryana *	22	23
11	Himachal Pradesh	12	12
12	Jammu & Kashmir	20	20
13	Jharkhand *	24	34
14	Karnataka	31	31
15	Kerala	14	14
16	Ladakh	2	2
17	Madhya Pradesh	55	55
18	Maharashtra	36	34
19	Manipur	16	16
20	Meghalaya	12	12
21	Mizoram	11	11
22	Nagaland	17	16
23	Odisha	30	30
24	Punjab	23	23
25	Rajasthan	41	33
26	Sikkim	6	6
27	Tamilnadu	38	37
28	Telangana	33	31
29	Tripura	8	8
30	Uttarakhand	13	13
31	Uttar Pradesh	75	75
32	West Bengal	23	21
	Total	762	742

* These States have identified more than one Model Women Friendly Gram Panchayat in a few districts.

Annex refer to in reply to Part (b) & (c) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 293 to be answered on 20/08/2025

State/UT-wise number of State level Master Trainers Trained on Model Women Friendly Gram Panchayat

S. No	State / Union Territory	No. of Master Trainers Trained
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	4
2	Andhra Pradesh	11
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3
4	Assam	4
5	Bihar	13
6	Chhattisgarh	4
7	Goa	1
8	Gujarat	12
9	Haryana	9
10	Himachal Pradesh	5
11	Jammu and Kashmir	8
12	Jharkhand	10
13	Karnataka	14
14	Kerala	7
15	Ladakh	2
16	Madhya Pradesh	43
17	Maharashtra	25
18	Manipur	5
19	Meghalaya	2
20	Mizoram	3
21	Nagaland	4
22	Odisha	13
23	Punjab	9
24	Rajasthan	24
25	Sikkim	4
26	Tamil Nadu	8
27	Telangana	16
28	Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu	2
29	Tripura	5
30	Uttar Pradesh	22
31	Uttarakhand	3
32	West Bengal	15
Total Master Trainers Trained		310*

*Source: Total Master Trainer trained on MWFGP as per Training Management Portal (TMP)