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DIGITAL GRAM PANCHAYAT INITIATIVE

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats linked to the e-GramSwaraj portal so far under the Digital Gram Panchayat initiative;
- (b) whether Panchayats have been able to carry out planning, budgeting and expenditure reporting functions digitally;
- (c) whether local people are being imparted training and ICT support for using these digital systems; and
- (d) whether e-GramSwaraj has been linked with public participation based development schemes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ
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(a) In FY 2024-25, a total of 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats across the country uploaded their Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs), and over ₹61,000 crore was transferred through the eGramSwaraj-PFMS interface. For current Financial Year i.e 2025-26, over 2.57 lakh Gram Panchayats and equivalent have been onboarded onto the eGramSwaraj portal. The portal serves as a unified platform for recording Panchayat-level planning, budgeting, accounting, and asset management activities in a transparent and accountable manner.

(b) Yes, Panchayats across States/UTs have increasingly adopted the eGramSwaraj platform to digitally carry out functions such as:

- Preparation and approval of Annual Panchayat Development Plans under XV Finance Commission Grants;
- Entry of budget estimates;

- Online expenditure reporting using eGramSwaraj-Public Finance Management System (PFMS) Interface;
- Monitoring of physical and financial progress of works.

This digital transition has led to improved standardization, real-time visibility of data, and greater transparency in grassroots-level governance.

(c) The Ministry is implementing Revamped Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) w.e.f. financial year 2022-23 with the main objective to capacitate Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) by imparting training to Elected Representatives (ERs) and other stakeholders of Panchayats to develop their governance capabilities for leadership roles to enable the Panchayats to function effectively.

(d) Yes, the e-GramSwaraj portal is linked with public participation-based development. Under People's Plan Campaign (Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas), the Gram Panchayats prepares the Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs) through structured Gram Sabha meetings and community involvement.

The eGramSwaraj facilitates online entry of plans, budgeting, and real-time monitoring, ensuring transparency and accountability. It also empowers elected Panchayat representatives and SHG to actively participate in the planning process, reflecting local needs and priorities. Public Information Boards and scheme-wise dashboards further promote transparency, making e-GramSwaraj a vital tool for inclusive and participatory rural development.
