

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1203
ANSWERED ON 10/12/2025

EVALUATION OF THE MODEL YOUTH GRAM SABHA INITIATIVE

1203 # SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any mechanism for the district administration to prioritize village-level development plans prepared through the Model Youth Gram Sabha;
- (b) the number of States/districts in which Gram Sabhas have been formed so far under the Model Youth Gram Sabha initiative;
- (c) whether there is any mechanism for regular evaluation of the progress of this scheme by Government;
- (d) whether Government is conducting any training programs for skill development of youth under this initiative;
- (e) if so, the number of youth benefited so far; and
- (f) the State-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) & (b) Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS) is an initiative of Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) in collaboration with the Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and the State Governments. It is an experiential simulation of grassroots democracy, wherein students conduct mock Gram Sabha sessions involving agenda setting, deliberation, budgeting and passing resolutions, closely mirroring statutory Gram Sabha procedures. It also enables them to understand how deliberation and collective decision-making support the preparation of inclusive village level development plans. This provides practical exposure to local governance and nurtures informed, responsible and participative future citizens. The Ministry is implementing this initiative Nation-wide in phase-I in 1306 schools covering 620-Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs), 200-Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), 172 Zila Parishad Schools of Maharashtra and 314 State Government of Karnataka recognized Schools. As per information available, the Model

Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS) has been conducted in 35 States/UTs covering 654 schools, with participation of over 27,523 students as on 1st December, 2025.

(c) The Ministry has developed a comprehensive evaluation framework to assess the conduct and quality of MYGS across participating schools. The evaluation follows a structured approach, beginning with school-level assessment, followed by regional-level competitions where shortlisted teams are evaluated on defined parameters. The progress of the Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS) initiative is regularly monitored by the Ministry through the existing Panchayat Nirnay portal, wherein a provision has been made for schools to upload details of the scheduling and conduct of MYGS activities along with the relevant documentation.

(d) to (f): The Ministry has adopted a cascading mode of training for capacity-building under the Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS) initiative. At the first level, National Level Master Trainers (NLMTs) were trained on the MYGS module. These NLMTs subsequently trained the nodal teachers of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) and Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in their respective States/UTs. Thereafter, the trained teachers oriented and prepared students within their schools to conduct the MYGS sessions. The initiative also equips students with essential skills such as communication, leadership, negotiation and consensus-building through experiential deliberation processes. It further strengthens critical thinking and collaborative decision-making abilities by engaging students in agenda setting, budgeting and resolution-making activities. A total of 27,523 students have enrolled in the Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS) across 35 States/UTs as on 01/12/2025. The State/UT-wise details are **annexed**.

Annexure

Annexure refer to in reply to Part (d) to (f) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1203 to be answered on 10/12/2025 regarding Evaluation of the Model Youth Gram Sabha initiative

State/UT Wise MYGS Status (as on 1st Dec, 2025)

Sl.No	State/UT	Targeted Schools Count	Total MYGS Conducted	Total Participants Enrolled
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2	1	49
2	Andhra Pradesh	37	26	1058
3	Arunachal Pradesh	14	10	879
4	Assam	27	24	1140
5	Bihar	38	26	890
6	Chandigarh (U.T)	1	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	72	54	2234
8	D&N Haveli & Daman Diu	3	3	104
9	Delhi	2	2	52
10	Goa	2	2	39
11	Gujarat	63	52	2357
12	Haryana	21	21	804
13	Himachal Pradesh	12	10	450
14	Jammu & Kashmir	15	12	476
15	Jharkhand	25	19	741
16	Karnataka	42	27	1241
17	Kerala	14	13	448
18	Ladakh	2	1	65
19	Lakshadweep	1	0	0

20	Madhya Pradesh	92	78	4396
21	Maharashtra	51	42	1645
22	Manipur	10	8	367
23	Meghalaya	7	7	239
24	Mizoram	8	7	223
25	Nagaland	10	9	278
26	Odisha	48	36	1524
27	Puducherry	4	3	88
28	Punjab	23	16	850
29	Rajasthan	35	32	1111
30	Sikkim	4	4	133
31	Telangana	27	18	754
32	Tripura	6	6	208
33	Uttar Pradesh	75	61	1956
34	Uttarakhand	13	11	328
35	West Bengal	14	13	396
Total		820	654	27523

Note: In addition, 172 Zila Parishad Schools of Maharashtra and 314 State Government of Karnataka recognized Schools are also participating in this initiative.
