

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
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BEST PERFORMING PANCHAYATS

1359 SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) details of steps taken by the Ministry towards incentivisation of best performing Panchayats in the country;
- (b) details of Panchayats that have received Panchayat awards or similar recognitions by the Ministry; and
- (c) steps taken by the Ministry towards modernisation of Panchayats in the State of Punjab?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI RAJEEV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has been incentivizing the best performing Panchayats under its scheme of Incentivization of Panchayats (IoP), one of the central components of Centrally Sponsored scheme of revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA). The best performing Panchayats in the country are conferred with National Panchayat Awards and given financial incentives by organising competition at national level every year. These awards are currently aligned to Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) to assess the performance of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in attainment of SDGs in the areas of poverty reduction and livelihood support, health, women and child development, water sufficiency, climate action and clean environment, infrastructure development, social security, and promotion of good governance in the Panchayats. Financial incentives in the range of Rs.50 lakh to Rs.5 crore is released to the best performing Panchayat depending on the Panchayat tier and category of Award.

(b) The details of Panchayats that have received National Panchayat Awards under the Incentivisation of Panchayat scheme including the amount of incentives during the award year 2023, 2024 and 2025 are given at **Annexure**.

(c) Panchayat being a State subject, providing infrastructural facilities and modernise them in tune with time for their overall transformation are primarily the responsibility of States. The Ministry, through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Revamped/Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), supplements the efforts of States including Punjab on a limited scale by

providing financial support for certain infrastructural facilities like construction of Gram Panchayat Bhawans, computers and peripherals, and facilitating co-location of Common Service Centre. Under the RGSA scheme, 759 number of Gram Panchayat Bhawan and 4,300 number of computers & peripheral have been approved for the Panchayats in Punjab.

The provision of last-mile digital connectivity to Gram Panchayats under the BharatNet programme is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats. Under the BharatNet project, as on 05.02.2026, 12,807 out of 13,236 Gram Panchayats in Punjab have been made service-ready, and network upgradation and expansion are being undertaken under the Amended BharatNet Programme. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India initiated a project namely “Common Services Centre (CSC-2.0: A Way Forward Project)” in August, 2015 under Digital India Programme, which aims to set up at least one CSC at Gram Panchayat (GP) level to cover all around 2.55 lakhs GPs across the country. A total of 500 CSC have been co-located in as many Gram Panchayat Bhawans in Punjab under the RGSA scheme.

The Ministry is implementing the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), which has significantly enhanced transparency, efficiency, and governance at the grassroots level. The eGramSwaraj application, developed as part of the e-Panchayat MMP, has facilitated digital planning, accounting, monitoring, and online payments at the Panchayat level. The integration of eGramSwaraj with the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) enables real-time payments to vendors and service providers, ensuring seamless fund flow and reducing delays. During FY 2025–26, 2,53,992 Gram Panchayats across the country, including those in Punjab, uploaded their Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs). During the same period, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) transferred more than ₹44,000 crore to vendors through the eGramSwaraj–PFMS interface of which ₹1,000 crore as transferred by the Gram Panchayats in Punjab.

Further, applications developed by the Ministry like Meri Panchayat has endeavoured to bring transparency in Panchayat Governance by making information on planning, activities and progress of works in Panchayat accessible to public. Similarly, Panchayat NIRNAY is an online application aims at bringing transparency and better management in conduct of Gram Sabhas by Panchayats. Similarly, an application of ‘AuditOnline’ has been developed for online audits of Panchayat accounts and their financial management. AuditOnline for transparent auditing of Central Finance Commission funds utilization to strengthen financial management of Panchayats launched in April 2020. For audit period 2023-24, audit report for 13,272 GPs in Punjab have been generated.

Annexure

Annexure Referred to in Reply to part (b) of the Rajya Sabha un-starred Question No.1359 answered on 10.02.2026 regarding Best performing Panchayats

Details of Panchayats that have received National Panchayat Awards under the Incentivization of Panchayat scheme during the award years 2023, 2024 and 2025

National Panchayat Awards- 2023							
(a) Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP)							
Sr. No.	Award Theme	Rank of GP	Awardee Gram Panchayat/ Equivalent Body	Block Panchayat	District Panchayat	State/UT	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)
1	Poverty Free and Enhanced Livelihoods Panchayat	1	Khandobachiwadi	Palus	Sangli	Maharashtra	1.00
		2	Mandoddi	Rajoli	Jogulamba Gadwad	Telangana	0.75
		3	Nagam	Lundra	Surguja	Chhattisgarh	0.50
2	Healthy Panchayat	1	Gowthampur	Chunchupalli	Bhadradi Kothagudem	Telangana	1.00
		2	Kanchura	Hinjilicut	Ganjam	Odisha	0.75
		3	Saankra	Nagari	Dhamtari	Chhattisgarh	0.50
3	Child-Friendly Panchayat	1	Cheruthana	Harippad	Alappuzha	Kerala	1.00
		2	Sira A	Latti	Udhampur	Jammu and Kashmir	0.75
		3	Hansudi Ausanpur	Bhanwapur	Siddharth Nagar	Uttar Pradesh	0.50
4	Water-Sufficient Panchayat	1	Nellutla	Lingalaghanpur	Jangoan	Telangana	1.00
		2	Perumpadappa	Perumpadappu	Malappuram	Kerala	0.75
		3	Phalmerg	Tarathpora	Kupwara	Jammu and Kashmir	0.50
5	Clean and Green Panchayat	1	Kundal	Palus	Sangli	Maharashtra	1.00
		2	Syasan Ambagam	Hinjilicut	Ganjam	Odisha	0.75
		3	Sulthanpur	Eligaid	Peddapalli	Telangana	0.50
6	Self-Sufficient Infrastructure in Panchayat	1	Veeyapuram	Harippad	Alappuzha	Kerala	1.00
		2	Laxminagar	Campbell Bay	South Andamans	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.75
		3	Gambhiraopet	Gambhiraopet	Rajanna Sircilla	Telangana	0.50
7	Socially	1	Kongatpally	Hanwa	Mahabubnaga	Telangana	1.00

	Secured Panchayat	2	Kulada	Bhanjanagar	Ganjam	Odisha	0.75
		3	Bhakatgaon	Khagarijan	Nagaon	Assam	0.50
8	Panchayat with Good Governance	1	Pitchanur	Madukarai	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	1.00
		2	Cheemaldari	Vikarabad	Mominpet	Telangana	0.75
		3	Alagappa Nagar	Kodakara	Thrissur	Kerala	0.50
9	Women-Friendly Panchayat	1	Aipoor	Atmakur(S)	Suryapet	Telangana	1.00
		2	Fatehpora	Baramulla	Baramulla	Jammu and Kashmir	0.75
		3	Alabad	Kagal	Kolhapur	Maharashtra	0.50

(b) Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (NDSPSVP)						
Best Gram Panchayats/Equivalent Bodies						
Rank of GP	Awardee Gram Panchayat/Equivalent Body	Block Panchayat	District Panchayat	State/UT	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)	
1	Ngopa	NA	NA	Mizoram	1.50	
2	MilakAmawti	Dilari	Moradabad	Uttar Pradesh	1.25	
3	Kapilo	Birni	Giridih	Jharkhand	1.00	
Best Block Panchayats/Equivalent Bodies						
Rank of BP	Awardee Block Panchayat/Equivalent Bodies	District Panchayat		State	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)	
1	Hinjilicut	Ganjam		Odisha	2.00	
2	Thimmapur (L.M.D.)	Karimnagar		Telangana	1.75	
3	Kumarghat Bac	Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council		Tripura	1.50	
Best District Panchayats						
Rank of DP	Awardee District Panchayat		State		Award amount (Rs. in Crore)	
1	Ganjam		Odisha		5.00	
2	Mulugu		Telangana		3.00	
3	Dadra and Nagar Haveli		The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu		2.00	

(c) Special Category of Award						
Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar (GUSVPP)						
Rank	Awardee Gram Panchayat/Equivalent Body	Block Panchayat	District Panchayat	State/UT	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)	
1	Tikekarwadi	Junnar	Pune	Maharashtra	1.00	

2	Ankuli	Patrapur	Ganjam	Odisha	0.75
3	Mukra (k)	Ichoda	Adilabad	Telangana	0.50
Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar (CNVPP)					
Rank	Awardee Gram Panchayat/ Equivalent Body	Block Panchayat	District Panchayat	State/UT	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)
1	Meenangadi	Sulthan Bathery	Wayanad	Kerala	1.00
2	Kanha	Nandigama	Rangareddi	Telangana	0.75
3	Bonaigarh	Bonaigarh	Sundargarh	Odisha	0.50

National Panchayat Awards -2024

(a) Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP)							
Sr. No.	Award Theme	Rank of GP	Awardee Gram Panchayat/ Equivalent Body	Block Panchayat	District Panchayat	State/UT	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)
1	Poverty Free and Enhanced Livelihoods Panchayat	1	Galibeedu	Madikeri	Kodagu	Karnataka	1.00
		2	Perumpadappa	Perumpada ppu	Malappuram	Kerala	0.75
		3	Betcherra	Kumarghat	Unakoti	Tripura	0.50
2	Healthy Panchayat	1	Bommasamudrum	Irala	Chittoor	Andhra Pradesh	1.00
		2	Keluapalli	Rangeilunda	Ganjam	Odisha	0.75
		3	Jajuar Middle	Katra	Muzaffarpur	Bihar	0.50
3	Child-Friendly Panchayat	1	Jengrai	Ujani Majuli	Majuli	Assam	1.00
		2	Bhartaul	Bithiri Chainpur	Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh	0.75
		3	Rajkang	Amarpur Bac	Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council	Tripura	0.50
4	Water-Sufficient Panchayat	1	Nayampudi	Nakkapalle	Visakhapatanam	Andhra Pradesh	1.00
		2	Sikander	Bamson	Hamirpur	Himachal Pradesh	0.75
		3	Debbari	Amarpur	Gomati	Tripura	0.50
5	Clean and Green Panchayat	1	Tagarampudi	Anakapalle	Visakhapatanam	Andhra Pradesh	1.00
		2	Sumoor	Panamic	Leh Ladakh	Ladakh	0.75
		3	Modale	Igatpuri	Nashik	Maharashtra	0.50

6	Self-Sufficient Infrastructure in Panchayat	1	Keeranatham	S.S.Kulam	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	1.00	
		2	Sahapur	Hinjilicut	Ganjam	Odisha	0.75	
		3	Parthu	Ekangarsarai	Nalanda	Bihar	0.50	
	7	Socially Secured Panchayat	1	Muppalla	Chandarlapadu	Krishna	Andhra Pradesh	1.00
			2	Thanadhar	Narkanda	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh	0.75
			3	Hardibhata	Nagari	Dhamtari	Chhattisgarh	0.50
	8	Panchayat with Good Governance	1	Vavkulli Two	Ghoghamba	Panch Mahals	Gujarat	1.00
			2	Khaltsi	Khaltsi	Leh Ladakh	Ladakh	0.75
			3	Punhada	Makhdumpur	Jehanabad	Bihar	0.50
9	Women-Friendly Panchayat	1	South Manubankul	Rupaichari Bac	Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council	Tripura	1.00	
		2	Chillapalli	Manthani	Peddapalli	Telangana	0.75	
		3	Varaganoor	Kuruvikulam	Tenkasi	Tamil Nadu	0.50	
(b)	Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (NDSPSVP)							
	Best Gram Panchayats/Equivalent Bodies							
	Rank of GP	Awardee Gram Panchayat/Equivalent Body	Block Panchayat	District Panchayat	State/UT	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)		
	1	Manyachiwadi	Patan	Satara	Maharashtra	1.50		
	2	Bebejia Demow Bangthai	Khagarijan	Nagaon	Assam	1.25		
	3	Thanadhar	Narkanda	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh	1.00		
	Best Block Panchayats/Equivalent Bodies							
	Rank of BP	Awardee Block Panchayat/Equivalent Bodies	District Panchayat		State	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)		
	1	Chatrapur	Ganjam		Odisha	2.00		
	2	Amarpur	Gomati		Tripura	1.75		
	3	Tirora	Gondia		Maharashtra	1.50		
	Best District Panchayats							
	Rank of DP	Awardee District Panchayat		State		Award amount (Rs. in Crore)		
	1	Gomati		Tripura		5.00		
	2	Koraput		Odisha		3.00		
	3	Udupi		Karnataka		2.00		
(c)	Special Category of Award							

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1	Manyachiwadi	Patan	Satara	Maharashtra	1.00
2	Thakchara	Amarpur	Gomati	Tripura	0.75
3	Kasira	Koida	Sundargarh	Odisha	0.50
Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar (CNVPP)					
Rank	Awardee Gram Panchayat/ Equivalent Body	Block Panchayat	District Panchayat	State/UT	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)
1	Bela	Bhandara	Bhandara	Maharashtra	1.00
2	Kendrikela	Bonaigarh	Sundargarh	Odisha	0.75
3	Milak Amawti	Dilari	Moradabad	Uttar Pradesh	0.50

National Panchayat Awards- 2025					
Special Category of Award					
Climate Action Special Panchayat Award (CASPA)					
Rank	Awardee Gram Panchayat/ Equivalent Body	Block Panchayat	District Panchayat	State/UT	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)
1	Dawwa S	Sadak Arjuni	Gondia	Maharashtra	1.00
2	Biradahalli	Sakaleshpur	Hassan	Karnataka	0.75
3	Mothipur	Rosera	Samastipur	Bihar	0.50
Atma Nirbhar Panchayat Special Award (ANPSA)					
Rank	Awardee Gram Panchayat/ Equivalent Body	Block Panchayat	District Panchayat	State/UT	Award amount (Rs. in Crore)
1	Mall	Yacharam	Rangareddi	Telangana	1.00
2	Hatbadra	Kusumi	Mayurbhanj	Odisha	0.75
3	Gollapudi	Vijayawada Rural	Krishna	Andhra Pradesh	0.50
