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MODEL VILLAGES AND RECOGNITION OF BEST-PERFORMING PANCHAYATS

2169 SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government maintains any national repository or recognition mechanism for identifying and documenting model villages that have achieved exemplary development outcomes, including sanitation, waste management, water supply or other innovations;
- (b) if so, the nationwide and State-wise list of model villages, with special emphasis on such villages in Punjab that have earned national recognition or headlines for their development achievements;
- (c) the criteria used to designate a village as 'model' and the agencies responsible for assessment and validation; and
- (d) if no comprehensive list is available, reasons for the absence of a formal model village database and steps proposed to establish one?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI RAJEEV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) to (d) 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.

A list of panchayats which have been conferred with the National Panchayat Award during the Award Years 2023, 2024 and 2025 is at **Annexure-I**.

Besides, the Ministry compiles Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) based on well-defined key performance indicators relating to poverty reduction and livelihood support, women and child development, water sufficiency, climate action and clean environment, infrastructure development, social security, and promotion of good governance to measure the localisation of SDGs. The major key performance indicators under PAI are given at **Annexure-II**. The Panchayats are ranked based on their performance on the key performance indicators and described as Achievers (with PAI score of 90-100), Front Runners (with PAI score of 75-below 90), Performers (with PAI score of 60-below 75), Aspirants (with PAI score of 40-below 60), and Beginners (with PAI score of 0- below 40). The group-wise details of Gram Panchayats in various States/UTs including Punjab are available on portal of the Ministry-PAI.GOV.IN.

Annexure-I

Annexure Referred to in Reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Rajya Sabha un-starred Question No.2169 answered on 11.03.2026 regarding Model villages and Recognition of Best Performing Panchayats

Details of Panchayats that have been conferred with 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	Bhadradri 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	Gambh	Rajanna	Telangana	0.50

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7	Socially Secured Panchayat	1	Kongatpally	Hanwada	Mahabubnagar	Telangana	1.00	
		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	Fatehpura	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	Perumpadappa	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	Visakhapatnam	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	Ghoghambha	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)						
(A) 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	
(B) 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	

(C) 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					
(A) 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	Manyachiwadi	Patan	Satara	Maharashtra	1.00
2	Thakchara	Amarpur	Gomati	Tripura	0.75
3	Kasira	Koida	Sundargarh	Odisha	0.50
(B) 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					
(A) 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
(B) 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

Annexure-II

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Key Performance Indicators for Compilation of Panchayat Advancement Index

Sl. No.	Theme	Theme-wise key PAI 2.0 indicators in brief
1	Poverty Free and Enhanced Livelihoods Panchayat	Social protection coverage, housing, livelihoods, pensions, SHGs, basic banking & disaster preparedness
2	Healthy Panchayat	Maternal & child health, nutrition outcomes, immunisation, health staffing & services availability
3	Child Friendly Panchayat	Early childhood care, schooling infrastructure, nutrition status, safety, education transition
4	Water Sufficient Panchayat	Drinking water access, water quality, ODF+ status, water budgeting, NRM & rainwater harvesting
5	Clean and Green Panchayat	Sanitation, waste management, renewable energy, plastic ban, environmental cleanliness
6	Self-sufficient Infrastructure in Panchayat	Physical & digital infrastructure, roads, public buildings, CSCs, community facilities
7	Socially Just and Socially Secured Panchayat	Inclusion under social protection schemes, social security, pensions, disability support, crime prevention & welfare access
8	Panchayat with Good Governance	Planning through Gram Panchayat Development Plans, Own Sources of Revenue mobilisation, transparency, digital governance, Gram Sabha functioning
9	Women Friendly Panchayat	Women's health, education, SHGs, safety, participation, gender equity indicators
