

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 122
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.11.2016

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PANCHAYATS

***122 SHRI PINAKI MISHRA & SHRI PREM DAS RAI:**

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- a) the number of women sarpanchs in the country, State/UT-wise;
- b) the present status of participation of women in Gram Panchayats;
- c) whether the Union Government has received complaints from them with regard to harassment, non-cooperation and other matters;
- d) if so, the number of such complaints received during the last three years and the current year and the follow-up action taken by the Union Government thereon, State/UT-wise; and
- e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to increase participation of women in panchayats?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a)to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (e) IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b): As per information available, details of women sarpanchs are given at Annexe-I. As per the information received from the States/UTs, there are about 13.42 lakh Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) including women sarpanchs in the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). A statement showing number of Elected Women Representatives is at Annexe-II Article 243D (4) of the Constitution ensures participation of women in PRIs by mandating one-third reservations for women in seats and offices of chairpersons in Panchayats. Government is encouraging increased involvement of the women in the functioning of Panchayats through active participation in the Gram Sabha Meetings for preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plans and various schemes being implemented by the Panchayats.

(c) & (d): Generally, complaints pertaining to Elected Women Representatives are written to States, this being a State subject. Ministry has received two complaints – one each in 2015-16 & 2016-17 - of harassment and non-cooperation from woman sarpanchs. These have been addressed to the concerned State Governments for redressal of grievances.

(e): The Ministry issues advisories from time to time to State/UT Governments to enhance the presence and participation of women in Panchayats.

Annexe-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question no 122 to be answered on 24.11.2016

Details of women sarpanchs

SL No.	States/UTs	Women Sarpanch
1	Andhra Pradesh	6584
2	Assam	1093
3	Chhattisgarh	5822
4	Gujarat	4600
5	Haryana	2565
6	Himachal Pradesh	1631
7	Jharkhand	2284
8	Karnataka	3479
9	Kerala	494
10	Madhya Pradesh	11864
11	Maharashtra	13960
12	Manipur	64
13	Sikkim	88
14	Telangana	4600
15	Tripura	285
16	Uttar Pradesh	19992
17	Uttarakhand	4007
18	West Bengal	1657
19	Lakshadweep	10
20	Chandigarh	4
21	Tamil Nadu	4289
22	Goa	79
23	Rajasthan	5121
24	Dadara & Nagar Haveli	11
	Total	94583

Annexe-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question no 122 to be answered on 24.11.2016

Number of Elected Women Representatives

SL No.	States/UTs	Elected Representatives	Elected Women Representatives	Elected Women Representatives (%)
1	Andhra Pradesh	156049	78025	50
2	Arunachal Pradesh	9356	3094	33.07
3	Assam	26844	13422	50
4	Bihar	136325	70400	51.64
5	Chhattisgarh	158776	87549	55.14
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	136	47	34.56
7	Daman & Diu	97	28	28.87
8	Goa	1559	514	32.97
9	Gujarat	132726	43670	32.9
10	Haryana	68152	24876	36.5
11	Himachal Pradesh	27832	13947	50.11
12	Jammu and Kashmir	38282	11169	29.18
13	Jharkhand	51327	30373	59.18
14	Karnataka	95307	50892	53.4
15	Kerala	19089	9897	51.85
16	Madhya Pradesh	396819	198409	50
17	Maharashtra	203203	101466	49.93
18	Manipur	1784	868	48.65
19	Odisha	100791	49697	49.31
20	Punjab	97180	33609	34.58
21	Rajasthan	121008	70531	58.29
22	Sikkim	1099	549	49.95
23	Tamil Nadu	119399	39975	33.48
24	Telangana	103468	46702	45.14
25	Tripura	10939	3930	35.93
26	Uttar Pradesh	718667	297235	41.36
27	Uttarakhand	61451	35537	57.83
28	West Bengal	59296	29579	49.88
Total		2916961	1345990	46.14
