

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 664
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018

COMPUTERISATION OF PANCHAYATS

664. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of computerised Gram Panchayats in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats which are yet to be computerised, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the reasons for slow progress in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken to accelerate the pace of computerisation of Gram Panchayats?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b) The State/UT-wise number of computerised and yet to be computerised Gram Panchayats (GPs) are given at Annexure.

(c) Panchayat being a State subject, providing basic infrastructure including computers etc. is primarily the responsibility of concerned State Government/ UT administration. The level of computerisation of GPs varies among States, depending upon the availability of electric power supply, internet connectivity, adequate computer- trained manpower, financial resources at the GP level etc.

(d) Under the erstwhile scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA), Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) had provided financial assistance to States/ UTs for e-enablement including computers and peripherals upto 2014-15. Under the newly launched scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), funds have also been provided to States/UTs for provision of computer for their e-enablement.

Upto 10% of the Grants under Fourteenth Finance Commission can be used by GPs for technical and administrative support towards Operation & Maintenance and Capital expenditure. Expenditure towards (i) purchase of computer and accessories as well as cost of Annual Maintenance Cost in GPs, which do not have any computer at present and (ii) one-time cost for providing internet connectivity and recurring charges can also be incurred from the 10 % Operation & Maintenance expenditure.

MoPR is also implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) under which a suite of core common applications has been developed to address various aspects of Panchayats' functioning including planning, budgeting, implementation, accounting, monitoring, social audit and delivery of citizen services like issue of certificates, licenses etc.

For attaining the vision of Digital India, BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications in a phased manner to create network to connect all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2.53 lakh) by broadband in the country. As on 2nd December 2018, a total of 1,16,411 Gram Panchayats have been made Service Ready.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA
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Computerised Panchayats in the country - State/UT wise

Sl. No.	Name of the State/ UT	No. of Gram Panchayat	No. of GPs with Computer	GPs without computer
1	Andhra Pradesh	12918	4700	8218
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1794	142	1652
3	Assam	2201	1434	767
4	Bihar	8386	4200	4186
5	Chhattisgarh	10978	4544	6434
6	Gujarat	14292	14025	267
7	Goa	191	191	0
8	Haryana	6204	1372	4832
9	Himachal Pradesh	3226	3226	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4483	0	4483
11	Jharkhand	4376	3893	483
12	Karnataka	6021	6021	0
13	Kerala	941	941	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	22826	13386	9440
15	Maharashtra	27867	26949	918
16	Manipur	161	65	96
17	Odisha	6798	6798	0
18	Punjab	13131	603	12528
19	Rajasthan	9892	9169	723
20	Sikkim	185	9	176
21	Tamil Nadu	12524	10015	2509
22	Tripura	591	352	239
23	Telangana	13030	5881	7149
24	Uttarakhand	7952	1410	6542
25	Uttar Pradesh	58749	49249	9500
26	West Bengal	3341	3341	0
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	20	20	0
28	Daman & Diu	15	NA	NA
29	Lakshadweep	10	10	0
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	70	70	0
31	Puducherry	98	98	0
	Total	253271	172114	81142

NA: Information not available

Source: As per available data compiled in the Ministry