## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. †\*66 ANSWERED ON 07.02.2023

## COMPUTER EDUCATION AT VILLAGE LEVEL

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SHRIMATI DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide atleast one computer system in each Panchayat to fulfil the aim of imparting computer education at village level in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated to every State to achieve the said aim during each of the last three years especially Maharashtra and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu;
- (d) whether the funds allocated are sufficient for the said purpose; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase the allocation for the said purpose?

## **ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 66 FOR ANSWER ON 07.02.2023 REGARDING COMPUTER EDUCATION AT VILLAGE LEVEL

(a), (d) & (e) Panchayat being local government is a State subject and is responsibility of State, since it is part of the State list of 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India. However, Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) supplements the efforts of the State including provision of computers through its schemes and programmes. Under the scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) implemented during 2018-19 to 2021-22 and revamped scheme of RGSA being implemented w.e.f 2022-23, this Ministry has been supplementing the efforts of state governments in this regard by providing financial support for computers and peripherals to States/ UTs for Gram Panchayats on a limited scale. Further, the untied/basic grants under 15th Finance Commission can be used by Panchayats for location-specific felt needs, except for salary or other establishment expenditure.

(b) & (c) The details of number of Gram Panchayats for which computer was approved under the Annual Action Plan of States/ UTs including Maharashtra and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu during 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22 under the scheme of RGSA is given in **Annexure**.

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Annexe referred to in reply to part (b) & (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 66 to be answered on 07.02.2023

State/ UT-wise details of number of Gram Panchayats for which computer approved and fund allocated under the Annual Action Plan of States/ UTs under the scheme of RGSA during 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22

(Rs. crore)

| Sl. | States/ UTs  | 2019-20   |           | 2020-21   |           | 2021-22   |           |
|-----|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| No. |              | Approved  | Fund      | Approved  | Fund      | Approved  | Fund      |
|     |              | Computers | allocated | Computers | allocated | Computers | allocated |
| 1   | A & N        | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      |
|     | Islands      | U         |           | 0         |           | U         |           |
| 2   | Andhra       | 690       | 2.76      | 971       | 3.884     | 500       | 2.00      |
|     | Pradesh      | 070       |           | 7/1       |           | 300       |           |
| 3   | Arunachal    | 139       | 0.55      | 50        | 0.20      | 442       | 1.768     |
|     | Pradesh      |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| 4   | Assam        | 149       | 0.59      | 26        | 0.104     | 500       | 2.00      |
| 5   | Bihar        | 531       | 2.12      | 531       | 2.12      | 267       | 1.068     |
| 6   | Chhattisgarh | 100       | 0.40      | 100       | 0.40      | 100       | 0.40      |
| 7   | Dadra and    | 1         | 0.004     | 0         | 0.00      |           | 0.152     |
|     | Nagar Haveli | 1         |           | Ŭ .       |           | 38        |           |
| 8   | Daman and    | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      |           |           |
|     | Diu          |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| 9   | Goa          | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      | 4         | 0.016     |
| 10  | Gujarat      | 30        | 0.12      | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      |
| 11  | Haryana      | 405       | 1.62      | 405       | 1.62      | 0         | 0.00      |
| 12  | Himachal     | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      | 389       | 1.556     |
|     | Pradesh      | Ŭ.        |           | Ü         |           | 307       |           |
| 13  | Jammu &      | 1000      | 8.29      | 1000      | 2.73      | 318       | 1.272     |
|     | Kashmir      |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| 14  | Jharkhand    | 41        | 0.164     | 17        | 0.068     | 240       | 0.96      |
| 15  | Karnataka    | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      |
| 16  | Kerala       | 100       | 0.40      | 0         | 0.00      | 100       | 0.40      |
| 17  | Ladakh       | -         | -         | 100       | 0.4       | 100       | 0.40      |
| 18  | Lakshadweep  | -         | -         | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      |
| 19  | Madhya       | 150       | 0.60      | 100       | 0.40      | 0         | 0.00      |
|     | Pradesh      |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| 20  | Maharashtra  | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      |
| 21  | Manipur      | 8         | 0.032     | 12        | 0.048     | 15        | 0.06      |
| 22  | Meghalaya    | 152       | 0.61      | 54        | 0.216     | 1525      | 6.10      |
| 23  | Mizoram      | 149       | 0.59      | 18        | 0.07      | 500       | 2.00      |
| 24  | Nagaland     | 124       | 0.49      | 42        | 0.17      | 300       | 1.20      |
| 25  | Odisha       | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      | 0         | 0.00      |

| 26 | Puducherry    | 14   | 0.056 | 0    | 0.00  | 61   | 0.244 |
|----|---------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 27 | Punjab        | 1052 | 4.21  | 1052 | 4.21  | 0    | 0.00  |
| 28 | Rajasthan     | 54   | 0.21  | 54   | 0.21  | 1554 | 6.216 |
| 29 | Sikkim        | 16   | 0.06  | 0    | 0.00  | 0    | 0.00  |
| 30 | Tamil Nadu    | 200  | 0.06  | 200  | 0.80  | 500  | 2.00  |
| 31 | Telangana     | 1569 | 6.27  | 1812 | 7.248 | 1812 | 7.248 |
| 32 | Tripura       | 250  | 1.00  | 250  | 1.00  | 720  | 2.88  |
| 33 | Uttarakhand   | 549  | 2.19  | 0    | 0.00  | 500  | 2.00  |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | 7788 | 31.15 | 7788 | 31.15 | 3145 | 12.58 |
| 35 | West Bengal   | 0    | 0.00  | 0    | 0.00  | 0    | 0.00  |

<sup>\*</sup> no. of computers approved includes carry over of previous years

(-) Plan not received

(o) proposal not submitted