GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3306 ANSWERED ON 21.03.2023

E-PANCHAYAT MISSION MODE PROJECT

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Will the Minister of **PANCHAYATI RAJ** be pleased to State:

- (a) whether e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) programme is being implemented in Bihar, Haryana, Maharashtra and West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with progress made in this regard, district-wise;
- (c) the facilities or equipment likely to be made available in the Panchayats under the said e-Panchayat project;
- (d) the provision of funds to be spent for converting a panchayat to an e-Panchayat; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated and utilized thereunder in Sheohar, Sitamarhi, East Champaran and Supaul districts of Bihar, Sonepat of Haryana, Amravati of Maharashtra and Hugli of West Bengal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Under Digital India Programme, Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), in all the States/ UTs of the country including Bihar, Haryana, Maharashtra and West Bengal. The aim is to revamp the functioning of Panchayats and to make them more transparent, accountable and effective. Ministry has launched eGramSwaraj, an accounting application to simplify Panchayat work like planning, accounting and budgeting. Ministry has also integrated eGramSwaraj with Public Financial

Management System (PFMS) for Gram Panchayats (GPs) to make real time payments to vendors/service providers. The progress made under eGramSwaraj in the States of Bihar, Haryana, Maharashtra and West Bengal for the year 2022-23 is given at **Annexure.**

(c) to (e) Under the e-Panchayat MMP, no direct financial assistance is provided to States / UTs for implementation of e-governance in the Panchayats. Panchayat being a State subject, providing infrastructural facilities to GPs is primarily the responsibility of States. However, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) being implemented from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2026, supplements the efforts of States on a limited scale by providing financial support for certain infrastructural facilities for GPs such as Gram Panchayat Bhawans, computers and peripherals. Under RGSA funds have been provided to States and not to Districts. So far, Rs 33.37 crores have been released to Bihar, Rs 37.84 crores to Maharashtra, Rs. 4.28 crores to West Bengal under RGSA; no funds have been released to the state of Haryana.

Further, Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been providing support for strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and capacity building of Elected Representatives and functionaries of PRIs to improve their effectiveness and make them self-reliant.

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 GPs by broadband in the country. So far, 1,93,796 GPs have been made Service Ready under the BharatNet project in the country. The scope of BharatNet on 30.06.2021 has been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3306 answered on 21.03.2023 regarding 'e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project'.

Adoption of eGramSwaraj at Panchayat level during FY 2022-23

S.No.	State Name	Total Number of Zila Panchayats & Equivalent	Plans Uploaded	Zilla Panchayat onboard (eGS - PFMS)	Zilla Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment	Total Number of Block Panchayats & Equivalent	Plans Uploaded	Block Panchayat onboard (eGS - PFMS)	Block Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment	Total Number of Gram Panchayats & Equivalent	Plans Uploaded	Gram Panchayat onboard (eGS - PFMS)	Gram Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment
1	BIHAR	38	38	38	10	534	533	534	531	8176	8066	8175	7911
2	HARYANA	22	19	22	17	142	135	140	84	6230	6225	5974	3565
3	MAHARASHTRA	34	23	34	34	351	294	351	351	27896	27807	27713	25917
4	WEST BENGAL	22	20	21	21	344	328	334	334	3340	3192	3229	3222
Total		116	100	115	82	1371	1290	1359	1300	45642	45290	45091	40615