

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4580
ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023

GRAM PANCHAYATS DIGITALLY CONNECTED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

4580. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

- (a) the details and the number of Gram Panchayats that have been digitally connected for better public service during the last three years and the current year 2022-23, State-wise including West Bengal; and
- (b) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) Under Digital India Programme, Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), in all the States/ UTs of the country. 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 by States, including West Bengal, under eGramSwaraj in for the year 2022-23 is given at **Annexure**.

Furthermore, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is implementing the BharatNet project to provide broadband connectivity to all GPs in the country. Phase-I of the project to connect one lakh GPs has been completed in December, 2017. Under Phase- 1 of BharatNet out of 1.23 lakh GPs approximately 1.22 lakhs of GPs were made Service Ready. Implementation of Phase-II to connect remaining GPs is in progress. Under Phase -2 of BharatNet out of 1.44 lakh allotted GPs more than 71,000 GPs have been made Service Ready.

(b) All States are making efforts at State level to implement e-Panchayat MMP, based on their available resources. However, due to differentials in the level of preparedness of Panchayats across the country, States are at different stages of implementing these applications. Besides, some States also have their own State-specific applications for similar purpose.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4580 answered on 28.03.2023 regarding ‘Gram Panchayats Digitally Connected for Public Service’.

Adoption of eGramSwaraj at Panchayat level during FY 2022-23

S. No	State Name	Total Number of Village Panchayats & Equivalent	Village Panchayat onboard	Village Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment	Total Number of Block Panchayats	Block Panchayat onboard	Block Panchayats with Online Payment	Total Number of Zila Panchayats	Zila Panchayat onboard	Zila Panchayats with Online Payment
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	13371	8845	2	660	603	0	13	13	10
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2114	2088	1120	0	0	0	25	25	20
3	ASSAM	2663	2197	2180	191	191	191	30	26	26
4	BIHAR	8176	8175	7920	534	534	531	38	38	36
5	CHHATTISGARH	11659	11658	11537	146	146	146	27	27	27
6	GOA	191	191	131	0	0	0	2	1	1
7	GUJARAT	14400	14236	13334	248	248	248	33	33	33
8	HARYANA	6230	5976	3605	142	140	84	22	22	17
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3615	3611	3557	81	81	80	12	12	12
10	JHARKHAND	4345	4342	4337	264	264	263	24	24	24
11	KARNATAKA	5958	5958	5938	233	232	226	31	31	31
12	KERALA	941	941	940	152	152	152	14	14	14
13	MADHYA PRADESH	23032	22970	21419	313	313	303	52	52	51
14	MAHARASHTRA	27896	27713	25942	351	351	351	34	34	34
15	MANIPUR	3812	161	160	0	0	0	12	6	6

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16	MEGHALAYA	6760	0	0	2240	0	0	3	3	0
17	MIZORAM	834	834	764	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	NAGALAND	1293	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	ODISHA	6798	6798	6764	314	314	314	30	30	30
20	PUNJAB	13241	13162	9629	152	151	131	22	22	21
21	RAJASTHAN	11342	11314	11241	352	352	350	33	33	33
22	SIKKIM	198	181	175	0	0	0	6	4	4
23	TAMIL NADU	12525	12480	11788	388	388	386	36	36	36
24	TELANGANA	12769	12745	12468	540	539	500	32	32	32
25	TRIPURA	1178	1178	1151	75	75	75	9	9	8
26	UTTARAKHAND	7812	7789	7686	95	95	92	13	13	13
27	UTTAR PRADESH	58842	58812	58138	827	826	822	75	75	75
28	WEST BENGAL	3340	3229	3222	344	334	334	22	21	21
Total		265335	247589	225148	8642	6329	5579	650	636	615