

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1845
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023

SETTING UP OF E-PANCHAYATS AND GRAM SACHIVALAYAS

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

- (a) whether the Government has recommended for setting up of e-Panchayats and Gram Sachivalayas in the country including Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has set any target regarding setting up of Gram Sachivalayas to provide city-like IT-facilities in rural areas under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the facilities likely to be provided by the Government in the Gram Sachivalayas; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target fixed under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan in the country including Rajasthan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a)& (b) States have been suggested to undertake construction of GP Bhawans utilizing various resources under convergence mode, viz unspent Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) grants, Fifteenth Finance Commission (XVFC) United Grants, MGNREGS funds and other funds from State Finance Commission (SFC)/ own source Revenues (OSR) etc.

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. In order to ensure better financial management of PRIs for enhancing transparency & accountability in maintenance of accounts, the eGramSwaraj has been integrated with Public Finance Management System (PFMS) to make real time payments to vendors/service providers. The progress made under eGramSwaraj in the State of Rajasthan for the year 2023-24 is given at **Annexure**.

Panchayat being State subject, providing infrastructure to Panchayats is primarily the responsibility of States/ Union Territories (UTs). Under e-Panchayat MMP, no direct fund is provided to States. However, Ministry, under the scheme of revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), supplements the efforts of all States by providing computers/ infrastructure for Panchayats as proposed by States/UTs in their Annual Action Plan and approved by Central Empowered Committee, on a limited scale.

Further, 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 by broadband in the country.

(c) Ministry is encouraging the Panchayats to adopt their own Citizens' Charter for successful delivery of services for which the Ministry has formulated the model Citizens' Charter and shared with the States. Adoption of such Citizens' Charter by the States is being monitored through dedicated portal. Out of 11250 GPs in the State of Rajasthan, Gram Sabhas are held in 11248 GPs and Citizen Charter has been uploaded by 11247 GPs.

(d) Since revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj is demand driven in nature, hence no such target has been fixed.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1845 answered on 01.08.2023 regarding 'Setting Up of e-Panchayats and Gram Sachivalayas'.

Adoption of eGramSwaraj at Panchayat level during FY 2023-24 in Rajasthan

Total Number of Zila Panchayats & Equivalent	33
Plans Uploaded	9
Zilla Panchayat onboard (eGS - PFMS)	33
Zilla Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment	31
Total Number of Block Panchayats & Equivalent	352
Plans Uploaded	263
Block Panchayat onboard (eGS - PFMS)	352
Block Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment	310
Total Number of Gram Panchayats & Equivalent	11342
Plans Uploaded	11246
Gram Panchayat onboard (eGS - PFMS)	11315
Gram Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment	7694
