

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1961
ANSWERED ON: 01.08.2023

PANCHAYATI RAJ SYSTEM IN MAHARASHTRA

1961. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL

Will the Minister of **PANCHAYATI RAJ** be pleased to state;

- (a) the details of the development works carried out under Panchayati Raj system in Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of the progress made under the schemes and programmes being run by the Ministry in Maharashtra; and
- (c) the feedback of the Government on the progress made in the activities being conducted by the Ministry in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) & (b) To strengthen Panchayati Raj System in the country including in the state of Maharashtra, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is implementing (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) with the primary objective of strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) by way of capacity building and training of the elected representatives and the functionaries of the PRIs, providing infrastructural support like Gram Panchayat Bhawan and computer and peripherals. Under the Mission Mode Project on e-Panchayats, a Central component of RGSA scheme, various e-governance projects are funded towards digitalization of Panchayats to bring in efficiency, accountability and transparency in the functioning of the PRIs for overall transformation of PRIs (No funds are released to States under the scheme).

Under RGSA scheme, 14.79 Lakh in 2022-23 and 10.71 Lakh in 2023-24 of elected representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions and their functionaries in Maharashtra have

been trained. Out of about 27,868 Gram Panchayats, 24,512 Gram Panchayats have their own Gram Panchayat Bhawan and 27,079 Gram Panchayat have Computers.

(c) Most of the Panchayats in the State of Maharashtra have adopted eGramSwaraj Accounting Application developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for use by PRIs for planning, budgeting, accounting, monitoring and asset management. In 2022-23, a total of 27,803 Gram Panchayats (99%) prepared and uploaded Gram Panchayat Development Plan and in 2023-24, 27,443 Gram Panchayats (98%) prepared and uploaded the Gram Panchayat Development Plan. More than 60% of the Gram Panchayats make on-line payments. Similarly, online audit of accounts of more than 79% of the Gram Panchayats have been completed for the audit period 2021-22 in pursuance of the recommendations of Fifteenth Finance Commission. Around 90% Gram Panchayats in the States have prepared Citizen Charters based on the model Citizen Charter suggested by the Ministry, out of which 88% of these Citizen Charters have been approved. The Panchayats in Maharashtra actively participate in the National Panchayat Awards and the Panchayats have won 139 Awards since the inception of the awards in 2016-17.
