

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2008
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023

CARBON-NEUTRAL PANCHAYATS

2008. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

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

- (a) the details of steps taken to make carbon-neutral panchayats, State-wise including West Bengal; and
- (b) the details of efforts and plan to give it the form of public participation to encourage it?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) & (b) Under the revamped National Panchayat Awards 2023, Ministry of Panchayati Raj has instituted 'Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar' to award Panchayats for exemplary work towards achieving Net-Zero carbon emission and three Gram Panchayats namely, Meenangadi (Sulthan Bathery Block, Wayanad District, Kerala), Kanha (Nandigama Block, Rangareddi District, Telangana) and Bonaigarh (Bonaigarh Block, Sundargarh District, Odisha) in the rank first, second and third, respectively. These awards were conferred on 17th April, 2023 in the event graced by Hon'ble President on India.

Ministry of Panchayati Raj has also circulated to all States/Union Territories a Concept Note on Carbon Neutral Panchayats with the request wide circulation among Panchayati Raj Institutions. States/Union Territories have also been requested to initiate discussion and organize workshops and conferences with Panchayati Raj Institutions.
