

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN PANCHAYATS

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of action being taken for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Panchayats; and
- (b) the details of guidelines to be provided through the 'Meri Panchayat' mobile app?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) Ministry is implementing the Centrally Sponsored scheme of revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2026, extends to all States and UTs of the country including institutions of rural local government in non-Part-IX areas, where Panchayats do not exist. The focus of Revamped scheme is on reimagining Panchayati Raj Institutions as vibrant centres of local self-governance and economic growth with special focus on Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) at grassroots level adopting 9 thematic approach through concerted and collaborative efforts of Central Ministries and State line departments with 'whole of Government' approach at all levels. The 9 themes include poverty free, healthy, child friendly, water sufficient, clean & green, self-sufficient infrastructure, socially secured, good governance and women friendly villages. These themes are interlinked and inter-related to each other and concerned all SDGs. A Thematic approach of LSDGs has been taken due to these being easy to relate to the Panchayats and the community which help to provide vision for the Panchayats to achieve SDGs in rural areas for holistic development.

Ministry has taken various initiatives including inter-ministerial consultations with the Nodal Ministries, regional workshops with States and consultative meeting with UN Agencies had been held to reinforce the collaborative endeavour for localizing SDGs through PRIs. Ministry is

continuously working with the States and other stakeholders to take forward the LSDG at grassroots level.

(b) Meri Panchayat App is a Mobile Governance (m-Governance) App, which has been developed by NIC, Ministry of Panchayati Raj to make information, aggregated from different portals of this Ministry pertaining to functioning of Gram Panchayats, easily accessible to public. The application provides information in respect of demography, Elected Representatives, Panchayat Secretary and officials, Gram Panchayat Development Plans, Funds received, income and expenditure of Panchayat, Sankalp or Resolution by panchayat for development, Bank Accounts and Bank statement of Panchayat, etc. Meri Panchayat Mobile App will provide a holistic view of the Panchayat and facilitate easy access to all information about the functioning of panchayats, which is expected to enhance transparency & accountability. At the same time, it can also be used by the Panchayat Elected Representatives and Functionaries for dispensing their work through their dedicated login IDs.
