

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1542**  
ANSWERED ON 20/09/2020

**SAANSAD ADARSH GRAM YOJANA**

1542. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) has been ineffective in ushering development in the selected Gram Panchayats;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is true that the scheme has proved to be a non-starter even after six years of its launch and the People's Representatives are losing interest, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government for removing the bottlenecks like lack of tech-savvy officials which would seriously affect the execution of the goal of SAGY as e-governance depends on accessibility as well as technological know-how?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): No Sir, Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) has been effective in ushering development in the Gram Panchayats selected under the Scheme. As on 15th September, 2020, a total of 1471 SAGY Gram Panchayats have uploaded their Village Development Plans containing therein a total of 73,943 projects, out of which 45,941 (62%) projects has been completed. The report on post-project evaluation study of SAGY Gram Panchayats identified during 2014-16 by Osmania University reported that the impact of SAGY was visible in those Gram Panchayats where the stakeholders have taken interest and made frequent visits to the adopted villages.

(c): No Sir, the Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) have identified 1921 Gram Panchayats for development under SAGY since the commencement of the programme. The process of identification of Gram Panchayats for 2019-24 is currently underway and the Hon'ble MPs have identified 428 Gram Panchayats for 2019-24 as per information available on the SAGY website (saanjhi.gov.in) uploaded by the States/UTs as on 16 September 2020.

(d): The following measures have been taken by the Ministry for removing bottlenecks and better implementation of SAGY:

- The Ministry has been organizing periodic capacity building exercises for State Team of Trainers, State Nodal Officers, Charge Officers and other stakeholders. More than 1,600

SAGY functionaries have been trained on participative planning, drafting Village Development Plans and hands-on training on Management Information System of SAGY.

- A separate web-based monitoring system has been put in place for the scheme which can be accessed from the SAGY website (saanjhi.gov.in).
- The guidelines of as many as 23 Central Schemes have been amended to accord priority for the SAGY Gram Panchayats. A compilation of 223 Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored and 1,806 State Schemes for convergence under SAGY for the benefit of Members of Parliament. District and Village level officials have been prepared and shared with the States/UTs and also uploaded on the scheme portal (saanjhi.gov.in).
- An orientation programme on SAGY for the newly elected Hon'ble MPs was organised on 3 December 2019.
- The Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) is reviewed periodically by the Ministry of Rural Development, which include review by the Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development, Performance Review Committee, Common Review Missions, National Level Monitors, Concurrent Monitoring and Impact Assessment studies.

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