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IMPLEMENTATION OF SAGY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);
- (b) the details of the number of villages in the country developed under the said scheme since its launch till date State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government allocates funds for the said scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has issued necessary guidelines for development of institutional infrastructure of the villages under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to give impetus to the efforts of Members of Parliament for the successful implementation of the SAGY in their adopted Gram Panchayats?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) : Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) was launched on 11 October 2014 with the aim of creating holistically developed model Gram Panchayats across the country. The salient features of SAGY are placed in the Annexure-I.

(b) : The Hon'ble Members of Parliament have identified 2477 Gram Panchayats across the country under SAGY since its launch. The State/UT wise number of GPs identified under SAGY since its launch is given in Annexure-II.

(c) : Under the SAGY Framework of Guidelines, the development of Gram Panchayats is envisaged through effective convergence and implementation of existing development schemes of Government under the administrative control of respective Ministries without allocation of any additional fund.

(d) : The scheme Guidelines have been distributed to all the stakeholders with the view to achieve its intended objectives and also for the development of institutional infrastructure of the villages under the said scheme. As per the Guidelines, the responsibility of implementing the SAGY largely depends on the functionaries concerned at different levels. As the entire programme will be implemented in convergence model, the District Collector plays a significant role. In the SAGY guidelines, as per component 10 (d) 'the District Collector will be the nodal officer for implementing SAGY. The District collector conducts a monthly review meeting with representatives of the participating line departments. The Members of Parliament concerned will chair the review meetings. The heads of the GPs concerned will also be invited for these monthly meetings'. Also, the Ministry has provided training on SAGY implementation process to the Gram Panchayat heads. The Ministry has prepared a

compendium on SAGY containing supporting materials to help various stakeholders in the implementation of SAGY and distributed the same amongst the participants of the said training programme.

(e) : The steps taken by the Government to give impetus to the efforts of Members of Parliament for the successful implementation of the SAGY in their adopted Gram Panchayats are placed in Annexure-III.

Annexure-I referred in point (a) of reply to Lok Sabha unstarred question No.3882 scheduled for answer on 21st December 2021

The salient features of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY)

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana is a unique scheme of the Ministry of Rural Development wherein, for the first time, the leadership, capacity, commitment and energy of the Members of Parliament are being leveraged directly for development at the Gram Panchayat level. The goal of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) is to translate the comprehensive and organic vision of Mahatma Gandhi on village development into reality, keeping in view the present context. These 'Adarsh Grams' serve as 'nucleus of health, cleanliness, greenery and cordiality' within the village community and, becoming schools of local development and governance, inspiring neighboring Gram Panchayats. Far beyond mere infrastructure development, SAGY aims at instilling certain values in the villages and their people so that villages get transformed into models for others. These values include:

- Adopting people's participation as an end in itself – ensuring the involvement of all sections of society in all aspects related to the life of the village, especially in decision-making related to governance
- Adhering to Antyodaya – enabling the “poorest and the weakest person” in the village to achieve well-being
- Affirming gender equality and ensuring respect for women
- Guaranteeing social justice
- Instilling dignity of labour and the spirit of community service and voluntarism
- Promoting a culture of cleanliness
- Living in consonance with nature – ensuring balance between development and ecology
- Preserving and promoting the local cultural heritage
- Inculcating mutual cooperation, self-help and self-reliance
- Fostering peace and harmony in the village community
- Bringing about transparency, accountability and probity in public life
- Nurturing local self-governance
- Adhering to the values enshrined in the Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties of the Indian Constitution

The main objectives of SAGY are:

- To trigger processes which lead to holistic development of the identified Gram Panchayats
- To substantially improve the standard of living and quality of life of all sections of the population through improved basic amenities, higher productivity, enhanced human development, better livelihood opportunities, reduced disparities, access to rights and entitlements, wider social mobilization and enriched Social Capital
- To generate models of local level development and effective local governance which can motivate and inspire neighbouring Gram Panchayats to learn and adapt

In order to achieve these objectives, SAGY is guided by the following approach:

- Leveraging the leadership, capacity, commitment and energy of the Members of Parliament (MP) to develop model Gram Panchayats.
- Engaging with and mobilizing the community for participatory local level development.
- Converging different government programmes as well as private and voluntary initiatives to achieve comprehensive development in tune with people's aspirations and local potential.
- Building partnerships with voluntary organizations, cooperatives and academic and research institutions.
- Focusing on outcomes and sustainability

Annexure-II

Annexure-II referred in point (b) of reply to Lok Sabha unstarred question No.3882 scheduled for answer on 21st December 2021

The Statewise/UT wise number of villages identified under SAGY since its launch date:

S.No	Name of the State / UT	Identified GPs since 2014
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	4
2	Andhra Pradesh	160
3	Arunachal Pradesh	7
4	Assam	47
5	Bihar	91
6	Chandigarh	2
7	Chhattisgarh	91
8	Delhi	13
9	Goa	5
10	Gujarat	144
11	Haryana	73
12	Himachal Pradesh	22
13	Jammu And Kashmir	17
14	Jharkhand	87
15	Karnataka	87
16	Kerala	147
17	Ladakh	4
18	Lakshadweep	2
19	Madhya Pradesh	107
20	Maharashtra	219
21	Manipur	28
22	Meghalaya	9
23	Mizoram	9
24	Nagaland	8
25	Odisha	84
26	Puducherry	5
27	Punjab	38
28	Rajasthan	135
29	Sikkim	9
30	Tamil Nadu	286
31	Telangana	61
32	Tripura	14
33	UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	3
34	Uttar Pradesh	422
35	Uttarakhand	27
36	West Bengal	10
	Total	2477

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The steps taken by the Government to give impetus to the efforts of Members of Parliament for the successful implementation of the SAGY in their adopted Gram Panchayats

- i. The National Level Committee meeting headed by the Secretary, Rural Development has been conducted wherein all the 20 members Ministries/Departments have been requested to issue necessary advisories and to advise the State Government to arrange to complete the pending VDP activities that are mapped with their respective schemes/programmes and also to saturate all the major programmes/schemes in the SAGY GPs on priority.
- ii. The Ministry has organised capacity building exercises for State Nodal Officers, Charge Officers and other stakeholders through webinars. Around 1000 SAGY functionaries have been trained on participatory planning, drafting Village Development Plans, resource envelope, and hands-on training on the Management Information System of SAGY.
- iii. 26 Schemes of 17 Ministries of Government of India have been amended and appropriate advisories have been issued to accord priority to SAGY in respective schemes for ensuring convergence
- iv. To reboot rural economy, an advisory has been issued that the Village Development Plans of the SAGY Gram Panchayats, if needed, may be recast in the context of the COVID-19 crisis and its socio-economic fallout.
- v. At the national level, a separate web-based MIS is available at SAGY website. The website has been revamped with more pertinent information related to the scheme for comprehensive view by the public. The website contains detailed information, extensive reports, graphs and maps on the progress of the scheme. Also, the portal is linked with Mission Antyodaya website wherein the status of each of the adopted SAGY Gram Panchayats with respect to infrastructure facility and public service delivery along with ranking and gap is available to aid the SAGY GPs to prepare comprehensive Village Development Plan by using the information available in the revamped portal for the holistic development of the GPs.
- vi. The MP dashboard has been recently developed and has been linked with e Gram Swaraj dashboard of Ministry of Panchayat Raj and GP wise status of Gram Panchayat Development Plan and the GP profile are visible.
- vii. 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.