

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
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GOOD GOVERNANCE IN PANCHAYAT SYSTEM

4332. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to strengthen and promote good governance in Panchayat system;
- (b) the mechanism adopted by the Government to check corrupt and illegal practices of the panchayat representatives and officials in delivering public schemes; and
- (c) the total number of cases probed by Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in connection to corruption in the country during the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has developed the eGramSwaraj portal (eGS) (<https://egramswaraj.gov.in>), which aims to bring in transparency the planning, progress reporting, financial management and details of assets created in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Further, Ministry has also integrated e-Gram SWARAJ with Public Financial Management System for Gram Panchayats to make real time payments to vendors/service providers. So far, 2.62 Lakh GPDPs have been uploaded on eGS for the year 2021-22. Further, Panchayats have adopted the mechanism to make payments to vendors through Public Financial Management system.

Further, for ensuring timely audit of Panchayat accounts, MoPR has devised an online application – AuditOnline (<https://auditonline.gov.in>). This application not only facilitates auditing of Panchayat accounts but also provides for maintaining audit records. This application streamlines the process for creating audit inquiries, draft local audit reports, draft audit-paras etc. Thus, proper maintenance of accounts by Panchayats is ensured, improving transparency and accountability.

Panchayat is a State subject mandated at Part IX and List II (State List) of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India and as such probe into corruption cases relating to corrupt and illegal practices of the panchayat representatives and officials are the responsibility of the concerned State government.
