

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1200
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/12/2024

RASHTRIYA GRAM SWARAJABHIYAN

1200. SHRI RADHESHYAMRATHIYA:
SHRI DINESHBHAIMAKWANA:
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SHRI TAPIR GAO:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the aims and objectives of the National Gram Swaraj Mission and the localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Chhattishgarh;
- (b) the details of coverage of the said scheme along with the funding pattern between States, Centre and Union Territories;
- (c) whether Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) promotes e-governance and other technology driven solutions to promote good governance in Panchayats; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(Prof. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) Ministry is implementing Revamped Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) w.e.f. financial year 2022-23 in States/ UTs including Chhattisgarh with main objective for capacitating Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) through imparting training to all the Elected Representatives (ERs), functionaries and other stakeholders to develop their governance capabilities for leadership roles to enable the Panchayats to function effectively. Under RGSA training is also provided to build the capacity of Panchayats for effective implementation of various e-Governance initiatives taken by the Government to enhance transparency and accountability in Panchayat governance and to localize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at grassroots level, as the Ministry had also launched the process of localization of SDGs through Panchayati Raj Institutions by aggregating 17 SDGs into 9 themes with an objective to achieve the Agenda of Sustainable Development by 2030 at the grassroots. The identified 9 themes for localization of SDGs are more relatable and adoptable at grassroots level to prepare thematic plan based on Sankalp taken by the Gram Panchayat adopting saturation approach to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals through Localization at grassroots level. Apart from training, under RGSA Ministry also provides support to the States/ UTs to establish institutional mechanism for the Capacity Building & Training and to create Panchayat infrastructure like Gram Panchayat Bhawan,

Computer and Co-location of Common Service Centres (CSCs) in Gram Panchayat Bhawan on limited scale mainly for North Eastern, Hilly and difficult areas.

(b) Under this scheme of RGSA, the funding pattern for State components is in the ratio of 60:40 among Centre and State, except NE, Hilly States and UT of Jammu & Kashmir where Central and State Share is in the ration of 90:10. For other Union Territories, Central Share is 100%.

(c)&(d) The Ministry has developed key digital initiatives to strengthen Panchayat governance, eGramSwaraj for streamlined planning and accounting, integrated with PFMS for real-time payments; Audit Online for simplified auditing processes; and Meri Panchayat application providing comprehensive information about Panchayat functioning, including development plans, finances, elected representatives, and resolutions. Panchayat NIRNAY application has also been developed for scheduling Gram Sabha meetings, notifying citizens, circulation of agenda, recording Panchayat decisions, etc. to enhance e-Governance in Gram Panchayat.
