

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1368
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/12/2024

JAN YOJANA ABHIYAN

1368. SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI:
SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:
SHRI MANISH JAISWAL:
SMT. BIJULI KALITA MEDHI:
DR. VINOD KUMAR BIND:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:
SHRI MITESH PATEL BAKABHAI:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
SHRI HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI PATEL:
SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the People's Plan Campaign (Jan Yojana Abhiyan) and the importance of collective efforts in building a self-reliant and sustainable village;
- (b) the details of the impact of active participation of Sarpanch, Panchayat members and residents in the development process;
- (c) the details of e-Gram Swaraj and steps taken to bring transparency and strengthen e governance in Panchayati Raj Institutions;
- (d) the details of developmental activities, amount disbursed for such activities is available on the portal;
- (e) whether Sarpanch or Panchayat members do not call the meetings of the Gram Sabha because of corruption, nepotism and inactiveness prevailing in the Panchayati Raj System so as to keep the villagers completely unaware of the matters, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken for creating awareness among the villagers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(Prof. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) & (b) The Ministry has been rolling out People's Plan Campaign as 'Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas' since 2018 for preparation of evidence based, holistic and inclusive Development Plans at the grassroots level in structured manner for the next financial year through people's participation at various levels of Panchayati Raj Institutions including Gram/Village Panchayats, Block/Intermediate Panchayats and District Panchayats. This year,

the campaign has been rolled out from 2nd October, 2024 for preparation of thematic Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) and Panchayat Development Plans at Block and District level for next financial year i.e. 2025-26 through people's participation to give impetus to the process of attainment of Localized Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) at the grassroots which, in turn, will lead to attainment of SDGs in rural areas. Gram Panchayats have focus on 9 themes of Localized SDGs viz. poverty free, healthy, child friendly, water sufficient, clean & green, self sufficient infrastructure, socially secured, good governance and women friendly villages while preparing plans in grassroots level for creating self-sufficient and sustainable villages by adopting these themes. These 9 themes of LSDG aggregate the 17 SDGs to make the SDGs understandable and relatable for the people at the grassroots.

Panchayats have been mandated for preparation of Panchayat Development Plan (PDP) for economic development and social justice by utilizing the available resources. The active participation of Sarpanches, Panchayat members and residents facilitate the identification of local development issues, needs and priorities, and the based on the same thematic Sankalp is taken for preparation of comprehensive Gram Panchayat Development Plan aiming at the saturation of services and infrastructure in all the sectors contained in a particular theme.

(c) Under Digital India Programme, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), in all the States/ Union Territories (UTs) of the country. The aim is to revamp the functioning of Panchayats and to make them more transparent, accountable, and effective. Ministry has launched eGramSwaraj, an accounting application to simplify Panchayat work like planning, accounting, and budgeting. Ministry has also integrated eGramSwaraj with Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for Gram Panchayats (GPs) to make real-time payments to vendors/service providers. Further, an application of 'AuditOnline' has been developed for online audits of Panchayat accounts and financial management.

(d) Yes Sir. Details of developmental activities and the amounts disbursed under the Central Finance Commission for such activities are available on the eGramSwaraj portal. This information can be accessed through the report on expenditure incurred by Gram Panchayats, available under the Dashboard section of the eGramSwaraj application. Data regarding receipts and expenditures is publicly accessible on this portal.

(e) and (f) The Ministry, working collaboratively through State Governments, enables comprehensive grassroots engagement by facilitating structured Gram Sabha meetings and awareness campaigns. This state-led approach helps educate villagers about development planning, participation rights, and welfare schemes, with special focus on including women and SC/ST communities, fostering community ownership of local development initiatives.

As per information available with the Ministry on the GPDP portal, a total of 308,844 Gram Sabhas were held in FY 2023-24 for preparing development plans for the year 2024-25. Meanwhile, so far this year, 141,723 Gram Sabhas have been conducted for preparing development plans for the year 2025-26.
