

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2416**  
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024

**E-GRAM SWARAJ**

†2416. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

- (a) the details of the work being done by the Government to digitize the Gram Panchayats and promote e-governance in Panchayati Raj Institutions in India;
- (b) whether the Government has provided enough training and resources to Panchayats in Rajasthan to work on digital platforms;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether e-Gram Swaraj making any real contribution to the development of rural areas of Rajasthan or is limited to papers only; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) to (e) Under the Digital India Programme, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) across all States and Union Territories (UTs) of the country. This initiative aims to revamp the functioning of Panchayats, making them more transparent, accountable, and effective. As part of this initiative, the Ministry has launched eGramSwaraj, an online planning and accounting application designed to simplify Panchayat activities such as planning, accounting, and budgeting.

Panchayats use the eGramSwaraj portal to prepare and upload their Annual Panchayat Development Plans. For the plan year/FY 2024-25, 2,54,773 Gram Panchayats have successfully uploaded their Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) on the portal. Detailed progress made by States/UTs regarding onboarding on eGramSwaraj, including Rajasthan, for the year 2024-25 is provided in **Annexure**.

The eGramSwaraj portal has been integrated with the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) to facilitate the Panchayats in making real time online payments to vendors and service providers and thereby streamlining financial operations and bringing transparency in their functioning. In addition, the Ministry has integrated eGramSwaraj with the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to bring transparency to Panchayat procurement. This integration allows Panchayats to procure goods and services through GeM via the eGramSwaraj platform, promoting the “Vocal for Local” initiative.

To further enhance transparency and financial prudence, the Ministry has developed AuditOnline, an online application for auditing Panchayat accounts and improving financial management. Launched in April 2020, AuditOnline enables transparent auditing of CFC fund utilization. The Ministry has also introduced applications such as Meri Panchayat and Panchayat Nirnay to improve transparency and efficiency in Panchayat governance. While Meri Panchayat makes information on planning, activities, and work progress accessible to the public, Panchayat Nirnay enhances transparency and management in Gram Sabha proceedings.

For effective capacity building and training of the Panchayati Raj Institutions, the Ministry is implementing Revamped Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) w.e.f. financial year 2022-23 in States/ UTs to develop their governance capabilities including working on digital platform. It is a demand driven scheme and under the scheme funds are approved to States/UTs, including Rajasthan, based on their Annual Action Plan under RGSA. As per information available on Training Management Portal (TMP), 1,00,122 participants had been trained by the State of Rajasthan under the scheme of RGSA since 2022-23 till date, on various subjects of panchayat Governance including the digital literacy viz. e-Governance Startup, digital literacy on various portals, digital literacy on accounts and PFMS etc.

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**Annexure**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2416 answered on 10.12.2024 regarding 'e-Gram Swaraj'.

**Adoption of eGramSwaraj at the Panchayat Level for XV Finance Commission during FY 2024-25**

| <b>S. No</b> | <b>State Name</b> | <b>Total Number of Village Panchayats &amp; Equivalent</b> | <b>Village Panchayat onboard</b> | <b>Village Panchayats &amp; Equivalent With Online Payment</b> | <b>Total Number of Block Panchayats &amp; Equivalent</b> | <b>Block Panchayat onboard</b> | <b>Block Panchayats With Online Payment</b> | <b>Total Number of Zila Panchayats &amp; Equivalent</b> | <b>Zila Panchayat onboard</b> | <b>Zila Panchayats With Online Payment</b> |
|--------------|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|--|
| 1            | ANDHRA PRADESH    | 13328  | 13296                            | 12733  | 660  | 660                            | 626   | 13  | 13                            | 13   |
| 2            | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 2108   | 2106                             | 157  | 0  | 0                              | 0   | 25  | 25                            | 5  |
| 3            | ASSAM             | 2662   | 2197                             | 2138   | 191  | 191                            | 175   | 30  | 27                            | 25   |
| 4            | BIHAR             | 8054   | 8054                             | 7979   | 534  | 534                            | 522   | 38  | 38                            | 38   |
| 5            | CHHATTISGARH      | 11596  | 11594                            | 11328  | 146  | 146                            | 146   | 27  | 27                            | 27   |
| 6            | GOA               | 191  | 190                              | 81   | 0  | 0                              | 0   | 2   | 2                             | 2  |
| 7            | GUJARAT           | 14655  | 14591                            | 13149  | 248  | 248                            | 248   | 33  | 33                            | 33   |
| 8            | HARYANA           | 6225   | 6220                             | 5659   | 143  | 143                            | 125   | 22  | 22                            | 22   |
| 9            | HIMACHAL PRADESH  | 3615   | 3614                             | 3397   | 81   | 81                             | 78  | 12  | 12                            | 12   |
| 10           | JHARKHAND         | 4345   | 4345                             | 4295   | 264  | 264                            | 259   | 24  | 24                            | 23   |
| 11           | KARNATAKA         | 5954   | 5953                             | 5928   | 238  | 232                            | 101   | 31  | 31                            | 28   |
| 12           | KERALA            | 941  | 941                              | 935  | 152  | 152                            | 149   | 14  | 14                            | 14   |
| 13           | MADHYA PRADESH    | 23011  | 23009                            | 22949  | 313  | 313                            | 308   | 52  | 52                            | 52   |

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|--------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 14           | MAHARASHTRA      | 27911         | 27828         | 25364         | 351         | 351         | 293         | 34         | 34         | 34         |
| 15           | MANIPUR          | 3180          | 161           | 107           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 12         | 6          | 4          |
| 16           | MEGHALAYA        | 6817          | 0             | 0             | 2241        | 0           | 0           | 3          | 3          | 0          |
| 17           | MIZORAM          | 842           | 842           | 832           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| 18           | NAGALAND         | 1289          | 186           | 0             | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| 19           | ODISHA           | 6794          | 6794          | 6789          | 314         | 314         | 314         | 30         | 30         | 30         |
| 20           | PUNJAB           | 13236         | 13219         | 8777          | 152         | 151         | 107         | 22         | 22         | 19         |
| 21           | RAJASTHAN        | 11211         | 11206         | 10398         | 361         | 353         | 351         | 33         | 33         | 33         |
| 22           | SIKKIM           | 199           | 199           | 188           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 6          | 6          | 6          |
| 23           | TAMIL NADU       | 12525         | 12525         | 12496         | 388         | 388         | 388         | 36         | 36         | 36         |
| 24           | TELANGANA        | 12771         | 12768         | 12592         | 540         | 540         | 488         | 32         | 32         | 31         |
| 25           | TRIPURA          | 1194          | 1176          | 1136          | 75          | 75          | 73          | 9          | 9          | 8          |
| 26           | UTTARAKHAND      | 7795          | 7794          | 7728          | 95          | 95          | 95          | 13         | 13         | 13         |
| 27           | UTTAR<br>PRADESH | 57691         | 57691         | 57264         | 826         | 826         | 811         | 75         | 75         | 75         |
| 28           | WEST BENGAL      | 3339          | 3339          | 3338          | 345         | 345         | 345         | 22         | 21         | 21         |
| <b>Total</b> |                  | <b>263479</b> | <b>251838</b> | <b>237737</b> | <b>8658</b> | <b>6402</b> | <b>6002</b> | <b>650</b> | <b>640</b> | <b>604</b> |

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