

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2510
ANSWERED ON- 10.12.2024

LOCALIZED WEATHER FORECASTS FOR GRAM PANCHAYATS

2510. SHRI AASHTIKAR PATIL NAGESH BAPURAO:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

- (a) whether the Government has details of the number of gram panchayats currently receiving localised weather forecast information;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any steps are being taken to train panchayat representatives in using weather information effectively for agriculture, disaster preparedness and other community needs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

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(a) and (b) Ministry of Panchayati Raj in collaboration with India Meteorological Department (IMD) has launched Panchayat-level weather forecasts for Gram Panchayats in India on 24th October 2024. The weather forecast at each Gram Panchayat aims at providing timely and localized weather information to nearly 2.5 lakh Panchayats. It provides Gram Panchayats with 5 days daily weather forecasting and provision to check hourly weather forecast. These updates cover parameters like temperature, rainfall, humidity, wind speed, wind direction, cloud cover, thereby empowering farmers to make informed decisions in agriculture. The State-wise GP details where localised weather forecast information is available are attached as Annexure I.

(c) The Ministry has conducted a training workshop on 24th October, 2024 and shared advisory to disseminate knowledge and benefits to the Gram Panchayat level. The Panchayat level weather forecast information is readily accessible to all through various digital platforms such as eGramSwaraj portal (<https://egramswaraj.gov.in/>), 'Gram Manchitra' portal (<https://grammanchitra.gov.in/gm4MVC>) and 'Meri Panchayat' Mobile App, of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and Mausamgram web portal of IMD (<https://mausamgram.imd.gov.in/>). Regular training programs are conducted for Elected Representatives and Panchayat officials on the eGramSwaraj portal and Meri Panchayat App. The information about Meri panchayat App is also disseminated through social media channels of the Ministry and Panchayati Raj Department in the States.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha UnStarred Question No. 2510 answered on 10.12.2024 regarding 'Localized Weather Forecasts for Gram Panchayats'.

State-wise GP details where localised weather forecast information is available

Sr No.	State/UT Name	No of Gram Panchayats
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	70
2	Andhra Pradesh	13,327
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2,108
4	Assam	2,197
5	Bihar	8,054
6	Chhattisgarh	11,625
7	Goa	191
8	Gujarat	14,656
9	Haryana	6,223
10	Himachal Pradesh	3,615
11	Jammu And Kashmir	4,291
12	Jharkhand	4,345
13	Karnataka	5,950
14	Kerala	941
15	Ladakh	193
16	Lakshadweep	10
17	Madhya Pradesh	23,011
18	Maharashtra	27,951
19	Manipur	161
20	Odisha	6,794
21	Puducherry	108
22	Punjab	13,238
23	Rajasthan	11,202
24	Sikkim	199
25	Tamil Nadu	12,525
26	Telangana	12,992
27	The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	42
28	Tripura	607
29	Uttarakhand	7,788
30	Uttar Pradesh	57,691
31	West Bengal	3,339
Total		2,55,444