

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1893
ANSWERED ON 11/03/2025

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SARPANCHES UNDER MDP

1893. SHRI VISHALDADAPRAKASHBAPUPATIL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- a. whether the Government has conducted training programmes for Sarpanches under the Management Development Programme (MDP);
- b. if so, the total number of Sarpanches trained under the programme as on date;
- c. the details of the number of Sarpanches who have received training, State/UT-wise particularly in Maharashtra;
- d. whether the Government has assessed the impact of the training on the effectiveness of local governance and rural development; and
- e. if so, the details of any improvements observed and future plans to expand such programme in constituencies like Sangli?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

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(a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) of the Ministry aims at developing Governance capabilities at the grassroots through continuous capacity building activities of the Elected Representatives (ERs) and other Stakeholders of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).

To further amplify the scope of the leadership training, the Ministry in partnership with institutes of excellence such as IIMs and IRMA has formulated a Leadership/Management Development Program (MDP), a strategic initiative aimed at bolstering the leadership capabilities of Elected Representatives including sarpanches, officials and functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The Program is designed to serve as a transformative tool in enriching the skill sets and knowledge base of the community leaders at the grassroots level. The State-wise details of Elected Representatives (ERs)attended Management Development Program under central component of revamped RGSA, including Maharashtra is at **Annexure-I**.

(d) & (e) The Management Development Programme (MDP) has significantly contributed to enhancing the effectiveness of local governance and rural development. The participants have been trained on essential leadership, management and financial accountability skills and other critical issues like effective team building, conflict management, community mobilization etc. The Structured feedback through pre- and post-assessments, along with digital monitoring via the Training Management Portal (TMP), indicates ratings for both content of the training and quality of trainers. However, since the programme is still in its initial stages and only a limited number of participants have been trained so far, it is too early to assess its actual impact on local governance. Further, provision has also been made to include training of Elected Representatives and Functionaries of Panchayat with institute of excellence under State component of Annual Action Plan of revamped RGSA to expand the programme.

Annexure-I

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1839 for 11/03/2025 regarding Training Programme for Sarpanches under MDP

State/UT-wise details of Elected Representatives (ERs) attended Management Development Program

Sl.No.	State Name	Elected Representatives*	Officials	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	3	6	9
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	3	4
3	Bihar	0	6	6
4	Chhattisgarh	0	5	5
5	Goa	3	3	6
6	Gujarat	4	8	12
7	Haryana	1	3	4
8	Himachal Pradesh	3	3	6
9	Jharkhand	8	2	10
10	Karnataka	0	1	1
11	Kerala	2	4	6
12	Madhya Pradesh	12	0	12
13	Maharashtra	2	5	7
14	Odisha	7	1	8
15	Punjab	0	1	1
16	Rajasthan	1	6	7
17	Sikkim	0	1	1
18	Tamil Nadu	6	13	19
19	Telanagana	0	9	9
20	Tripura	1	2	3
21	Uttar Pradesh	8	11	19
22	Uttarakhand	4	7	11
23	West Bengal	0	2	2
24	Jammu & Kashmir	2	9	11
25	Andaman & Nicobar	1	1	2
26	DNH & DD	5	0	5
27	Ladakh	1	1	2
	TOTAL	75	113	188

***including Sarpanch**