

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 316
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2025

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY AT PANCHAYAT LEVEL

316. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of **PANCHAYATI RAJ** be pleased to State:

- a) whether it is a fact that the Government has increased the financial assistance to State of Bihar for development of the technology at panchayat levels especially for district Gopalganj;
- b) if so, the total amount provided for deployment of technology at panchayat levels and total amount yet to be provided;
- c) whether the Government is integrating with computers linking with panchayats and Central Ministries for more development;
- d) if so, the details thereof; and
- e) the total amount spent in district Gopalganj of Bihar for technological development of panchayats?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) to (e) Under Digital India Programme, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) within the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan in all the States/ UTs. Ministry has launched eGramSwaraj, an accounting application to simplify Panchayat work like planning, accounting, and budgeting, as well as other online applications for Panchayats like Auditonline application, Meri Panchayat App, Panchayat Nirnay App, Training Management Portal, etc. for better Governance at the grassroots. Ministry has also integrated eGramSwaraj with Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for enabling the Gram Panchayats (GPs) to make real-time payments to vendors/service providers.

Under the revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme approved for implementation from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2026, financial support is being provided at limited scale for procurement of computers to States/UTs with focus on North East. Funds are released to State/UT and not to the District. During the current FY i.e. 2024-25, an amount of Rs. 1.335 cr. had been approved for procurement of 267 computers for the Gram Panchayats of Bihar. Further, as a special intervention procurement of additional 2000

computers amounting to Rs.15.60 cr. has also been approved by the Ministry during the current financial year.

The online applications developed under the e-MMP projects are aimed at digital Governance at the grassroots and integrating the Panchayats with the other Institutions including the Central Ministries/State Government Departments.

Under the Project, no funds are not directly released to the States/UTs. Funds are released to the NIC for development/ maintenance of the software/online-applications/App developed under e-Panchayat Project. The year wise annual expenditure on E-Panchayat Mission Mode Project is given at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure –I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 316 answered on 04.02.2025 regarding 'Financial Assistance for Development of Technology at Panchayat Level'.

Details of annual expenditure on E-Panchayat Mission Mode Project
(Rs. in Crore)

| Financial Year | Budgeted estimates (B.E) | Revised Estimates (R.E) | Actual Expenditure |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2020-21 | 20 | 17.82 | 17.79 |
| 2021-22 | 20 | 11.71 | 11.71 |
| 2022-23 | 20 | 15 | 15 |
| 2023-24 | 20 | 16.28 | 16.03 |
| 2024-25 | 90.17 | 34 | 9.75 * |

**As on January 2025*