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E-PANCHAYAT MISSION MODE PROJECT

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

(a) the number and percentage of post offices and gram panchayats in Maharashtra where computer and internet connections are available;

(b) the details of steps taken by the Government to digitalise panchayat institutions and offices;

(c) the annual budget allocation and final expenditure with regard to e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project during the last three years;

(d) the status of achievements in e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project; and

(e) the immediate steps taken by the Government to digitalize all the gram panchayats and rural areas of Washim-Yavatmal cultural areas of Maharashtra?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

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(a) Panchayat being State subject, providing computers for Gram Panchayats (GPs) is primarily the responsibility of States. However, under the revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme approved for implementation from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2026, has been supplementing the efforts of all States/UTs with focus on NE States, towards supporting functioning of GPs by providing computers as proposed by States/UTs in their Annual Action Plan and approved by Central Empowered Committee on a limited scale. As reported by Maharashtra State in their Annual Action Plan, 27,006 (96.73%) out of 27,917 Gram Panchayats (GPs) are equipped with computers.

The BharatNet project is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications to connect all Gram Panchayats across the country with high-speed broadband connectivity. As per the data available on the BharatNet UNMS dashboard, 24,778 (88.75%) out of 27,917 Gram Panchayats have been made service-ready under the BharatNet project.

Further, as per the information provided by the Department of Posts, computer and internet connectivity is available in all 2,224 post offices of the Maharashtra Circle,

achieving 100% coverage.

(b)   Under the Digital India initiative, the Ministry is implementing the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), which has significantly enhanced transparency, efficiency, and governance at the grassroots level. The eGramSwaraj application, developed as part of the e-Panchayat MMP, has facilitated digital planning, accounting, monitoring, and online payments at the Panchayat level. The integration of eGramSwaraj with the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) enables real-time payments to vendors and service providers, ensuring seamless fund flow and reducing delays. In FY 2024-25, 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats uploaded their Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs), and over ₹58,000 crores have been transferred through the eGramSwaraj-PFMS interface. State wise adoption of eGramSwaraj during current FY is given at **Annexure-I**.

Additionally, 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. Further, applications developed by the Ministry like Meri Panchayat has endeavored to bring transparency in Panchayat Governance by making information on planning, activities and progress of works in Panchayat accessible to public. Similarly, Panchayat NIRNAY is an online application aims at bringing transparency and better management in conduct of Gram Sabhas by Panchayats.

Further, an application of 'AuditOnline' has been developed for online audits of Panchayat accounts and their financial management. AuditOnline for transparent auditing of Central Finance Commission funds utilization for strengthen financial management of Panchayats launched in April 2020. For audit year 2022-23, 2.58 lakh Audit Plans have been created and 2.57 lakh Audit Report have been generated by PRIs.

Furthermore, to attain the vision of Digital India, the BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats in the country. So far, out of a total of 2.68 lakh Gram Panchayats/ Traditional Local Bodies (TLBs), 2.18 lakh GPs/TLBs have been made service-ready for providing high-speed internet services under the BharatNet project. To further improve digital connectivity, the Amended BharatNet Programme was approved by the Cabinet on 04.08.2023 for the upgradation of the existing network of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II and the creation of a network in the remaining Gram Panchayats.

(c)   Under e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project funds are being provided to National Informatics Center Services Inc. (NICSI) for central level support for maintenance of e-Panchayat applications. The year wise annual expenditure on E-Panchayat Mission Mode Project for last three years is as under.

Financial Year	Budgeted estimates (B.E)	Revised Estimates (R.E)	Actual Expenditure
2021-22	20	11.71	11.71

2022-23	20	15	15
2023-24	20	16.28	16.03

(d) It is envisaged to encourage all the Gram Panchayats to utilize the various functionalities of eGramSwaraj and other applications under e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP). As on date, 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayat (GP), 5,952 Block Panchayat and 546 Zilla Panchayats have prepared and uploaded their Development Plans for 2024-25 on eGramSwaraj application. Further, 2.56 lakh GPs have adopted eGramSwaraj for the purpose of accounting in the current year 2024-25 out of which 2.44 lakh GPs initiated online payments through eGramSwaraj- PFMS interface.

(e) The Ministry constantly engages with the States through virtual and physical training and enablement for States to adopt the eGramSwaraj application. Review meetings, workshops, hand-holding sessions, video conferences and visits by senior officials to States is undertaken regularly to review progress. A National Project Management Unit (NPMU) also coordinates/facilitates the implementation of this project. All States, including Maharashtra, are making efforts to implement e-Panchayat MMP, based on their available resources. Furthermore, all Gram Panchayats under the Washim and Yavatmal Zilla Panchayats have been onboarded onto eGramSwaraj.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4998 answered on 01.04.2025 regarding 'E-Panchayat Mission Mode Project'

State wise adoption of eGramSwaraj at Panchayat level during FY 2024-25

S.No	Total Number of Village Panchayats & Equivalent	Village Panchayat onboard	Village Panchayats & Equivalent With Online Payment	Total Number of Block Panchayats & Equivalent	Block Panchayat onboard	Block Panchayats With Online Payment	Total Number of Zila Panchayats & Equivalent	Zila Panchayat onboard	Zila Panchayats With Online Payment
1	13328	13296	12970	660	660	642	13	13	13
2	2108	2106	222	0	0	0	27	25	8
3	2662	2197	2176	191	191	189	30	29	27
4	8054	8054	8045	534	534	530	38	38	38
5	11596	11594	11516	146	146	146	27	27	27
6	191	190	93	0	0	0	2	2	2
7	14656	14599	13890	248	248	248	33	33	33
8	6226	6222	5914	143	143	134	22	22	22
9	3615	3614	3540	81	81	81	12	12	12
10	4345	4345	4329	264	264	262	24	24	24
11	5954	5954	5937	238	232	126	31	31	28
12	941	941	941	152	152	152	14	14	14
13	23011	23009	22980	313	313	310	52	52	52
14	27917	27894	26737	351	351	307	34	34	34
15	3180	161	123	0	0	0	12	6	4
16	6817	0	0	2241	0	0	3	3	0
17	842	842	832	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	1289	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	6794	6794	6793	314	314	314	30	30	30
20	13237	13222	9775	152	151	114	22	22	19
21	11211	11207	10837	361	353	351	33	33	33
22	199	199	195	0	0	0	6	6	6
23	12525	12525	12519	388	388	388	36	36	36
24	12991	12768	12636	572	540	508	32	32	32

25	1194	1185	1174	75	75	75	9	9	9
26	7795	7794	7743	95	95	95	13	13	13
27	57691	57691	57609	826	826	818	75	75	75
28	3339	3339	3338	345	345	345	22	21	21
Total	263708	251928	242864	8690	6402	6135	652	642	612