

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-1488**  
ANSWERED ON- 09.12.2025

**VIRTUAL GRAM SABHA MEETINGS**

1488. DR. T SUMATHY ALIAS THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:  
THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the union Government has any proposal for conducting virtual gram Sabha meetings in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has provided any financial and technical support to the State Governments to conduct gram sabha meetings virtually and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total funds allocated to the 25 Municipal Corporations, 145 Municipalities and 490 Town Panchayats during the last four years, year-wise, Vellore Corporation in Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

**(a) & (b)** "Panchayat, being "Local Government", is a State Subject and part of the State List in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Accordingly, Panchayats are set up and operate through the respective State Panchayati Raj Acts, subject to the provisions of the Constitution. As such, all matters relating to Panchayats, including conducting Gram Sabha meetings and providing the financial & technical support for conducting Gram Sabha meetings, comes under the jurisdiction of the State Government concerned.

Further, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj does not have any proposal for conducting Virtual Gram Sabha meetings in the country and this Ministry has not provided any financial and technical support to the State Governments for conducting Gram Sabha meetings virtually.

**(c)** The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has provided the details of year-wise allocation for Urban Local Bodies, including Vellore, during the last four years in the State of Tamil Nadu, as under:-

(Rs. in Crores)

	<b>Million-Plus Cities Grant</b>	<b>Non-Million-Plus Cities- Tied Grant</b>	<b>Non-Million-Plus Cities- Untied Grant</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
2021-22	303	535.8	357.2	1196
2022-23	313	555.0	370.0	1238
2023-24	331	586.8	391.2	1309
2024-25	350	621.6	414.4	1386

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