

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION 5255**  
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2026

**MERI PANCHAYAT APP**

**5255. SHRI JAGADISH SHETTAR:**

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

- (a) the details of the measures that are being taken to provide Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) internet connectivity to all Gram Panchayats to ensure the success of digital tools like the Meri Panchayat App; and
- (b) whether it has been successful, if so, the details thereof, particularly in Karnataka?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) & (b) The Government is committed to strengthening digital infrastructure at the Gram Panchayat (GP) level to enable effective implementation of digital governance tools, including the Meri Panchayat App. Gram Panchayats are connected to the internet through multiple mediums, including Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) connections and through the services provided by private Internet Service Providers.

As per the data available with the Ministry, 2,52,742 Gram Panchayats (97.68%), out of a total of 2,58,730 Gram Panchayats, have been onboarded on the eGramSwaraj Portal. Further, 2,44,175 Gram Panchayats and equivalent (96%) have carried out online payments amounting to ₹39,440 crore through the eGramSwaraj–PFMS interface during the current financial year. This level of adoption indicates substantial availability of internet connectivity at the Gram Panchayat level.

Additionally, under the BharatNet Programme, being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications, optical fibre connectivity is being provided to the Gram Panchayats to enable high-speed broadband services, including Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) connections.

As per the information available on the BharatNet UNMS dashboard, 2.18 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs)/ TLBs have been made service-ready. With specific reference to the State of Karnataka, all Gram Panchayats (5949) have been made Service ready.

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