

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2991
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2016

COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGES

†2991. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women Sarpanch/Pradhan in the country, State/UT-wise including the role of Government to increase the participation of women in Panchayat;
- (b) whether any complaints has been received from the women Sarpanch/Pradhan as harassment /non-co-operation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) As per the information received from the States/UTs, there are about 14.41 lakh Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) including Women Sarpanchs in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). A statement showing number of Elected Women Representatives as received from the States/UTs is at Annexe-I. Article 243D (4) of the Constitution ensures participation of women in PRIs by mandating one-third reservations for women in seats and offices of chairpersons in Panchayats. Government has been encouraging increased involvement of the women in the functioning of Panchayats through active participation in the Gram Sabha meetings for preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plans and various schemes being implemented by the Panchayats.

(b) & (c) As 'Panchayat' is a State subject, complaints pertaining to Elected Representatives are handled by the States. Ministry has received one complaint of harassment and non-cooperation from a Woman Sarpanch of Chhattisgarh, which has been forwarded to the Government of Chhattisgarh for necessary action.

Annexe-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no 2991 to be answered on 04.08.2016 regarding Comprehensive Development of Villages

S.No.	States/UTs	Total Number of EWRs
1	Andhra Pradesh	78025
2	Andaman& Nicobar	306
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3094
4	Assam	13422
5	Bihar	63914
6	Chhattisgarh	87836
7	Dadra Nagar Haveli	47
8	Daman & Diu	28
9	Goa	516
10	Gujarat	43696
11	Haryana	24876
12	Himachal Pradesh	14398
13	Jammu & Kashmir	11169
14	Jharkhand	32019
15	Karnataka	50892
16	Kerala	9185
17	Lakshadweep	41
18	Madhya Pradesh	198409
19	Maharashtra	115519
20	Manipur	868
21	Mizoram	564
22	Odisha	53396
23	Pudducherry	*
24	Punjab	33609
25	Rajasthan	70531
26	Sikkim	549
27	Tamil Nadu	39975
28	Telangana	51735
29	Tripura	4889
30	Uttar Pradesh	371744
31	Uttarakhand	36274
32	West Bengal	29579
	Total	1441105

* elections not held
