

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2627
ANSWERED ON 04/08/2026

PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT INDEX

2627. SMT. BHARTI PARDHI:
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SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR:
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has successfully implemented the "Panchayat Development Index" (PDI) to rank all 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats on their socio-economic performance, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether a special incentive fund has been created in the 2026-27 Budget for "Frontrunner" Panchayats that achieve the status of 'Child-Friendly' or 'Water-Sufficient' villages, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Ministry has completed the thematic training of over 30 lakh elected representatives to align local planning with the Sustainable Development Goals, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the "Gram Panchayat Development Plans" (GPDP) for the current fiscal year have successfully integrated climate-resilient farming techniques, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Ministry is collaborating with international agencies like the UNDP, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) whether case India's LSDG model as a global benchmark for rural governance, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has developed the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI), earlier known as Panchayat Development Index (PDI), as a composite assessment framework to measure the incremental performance of Gram Panchayats/Equivalent to Gram Panchayats across the themes

of localization of sustainable development goals. The PAI provides theme-wise and overall scores through scorecards and dashboards, enabling identification of performance gaps, relative strengths, and areas requiring focused attention at the Panchayat level. A total of 2.59 Lakh Gram Panchayats/Equivalent to GPs of 33 State/UTs have been onboarded in the exercise of PAI 2.0 for FY 2023-24. State/UT wise numbers of GPs by overall PAI grades in 2.0 are placed at *Annexure I*.

(b) No, Sir. Special incentive fund has not been created in the 2026-27 Budget for “Frontrunner” Panchayats in any themes of localization of sustainable development goals, including Theme 3: Child Friendly Village and Theme 4: Water Sufficient Panchayat.

(c) The Ministry has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) w.e.f. financial year 2022-23 with the major objective of Capacity Building & Training (CB&T) of Elected Representatives, Functionaries and other stakeholders of Panchayats across all States/UTs for enhancing the leadership skills and improving Panchayat Governance. Under the scheme of RGSA, the Ministry provides support for CB&T of elected representatives, functionaries and other stakeholders of Panchayats in different categories viz. basic orientation and refresher training, thematic training, specialized training, panchayat development plan training etc. A total of 36,81,750 elected representatives & other stakeholders of Panchayati Raj Institutions were trained on themes of localization of sustainable development goals (LSDGs) from FY 2022-23 to FY 2026-27 (as on 10th July 2026) under the scheme. State/UT wise details of Thematic Training from FY 2022-23 to 2026-27 is placed at *Annexure II*.

(d) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj facilitates the preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) through a thematic planning approach aligned with the nine themes of the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs). Gram Panchayats are advised to identify and prioritize key developmental sectors, referred to as “Sankalp”, before the preparation of their GPDPs.

Sectors related to climate-resilient agricultural practices viz efficient water management through drip irrigation & sprinkler systems, watershed development, agroforestry, and other sustainable agricultural practices, are integrated under Theme 4: Water Sufficient Panchayat and Theme 5: Clean and Green Panchayat.

For the Plan Year of FY 2026-27 (as on 29.07.2026), a total of 1,56,019 Gram Panchayats have taken Sankalp for the preparation of GPDP. Of these, 31,789 Gram Panchayats have selected Theme 4: Water Sufficient Panchayat and 32,806 Gram Panchayats have selected Theme 5: Clean and Green Panchayat as their respective focus areas.

(e) No, Sir. No such collaboration has been established by the Ministry with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) under PAI.

(f) The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a globally accepted framework for sustainable and inclusive development. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has localized the SDGs for Panchayats by developing a framework of nine Localization of Sustainable Development

Goals (LSDG) themes, making the global development agenda more relevant and actionable at the grassroots level. The localization of SDGs through the nine LSDG themes, supported by the PAI framework, facilitates effective rural governance, improved service delivery, and outcome-oriented Panchayat development.

Annexure-I

Annex refer to in reply to Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2627 to be answered on 04/08/2026

State/UT wise No. of GPs by overall score graded under PAI 2.0 FY 2023-24

S. No	State/UT	Total	A+	A	B	C	D
1	Andaman & Nicobar	70	0	0	21	49	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	13,310	0	591	10,178	2,468	73
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2,108	0	0	72	1,718	318
4	Assam	2,192	0	25	1,209	884	74
5	Bihar	8,053	0	2	771	6,862	418
6	Chhattisgarh	11,643	0	30	3,936	5,941	1,736
7	Goa	188	0	0	80	107	1
8	Gujarat	14,534	0	75	11,963	2,471	25
9	Haryana	6,225	0	7	3,342	2,779	97
10	Himachal Pradesh	3,615	0	1	1,706	1,828	80
11	Jammu & Kashmir	4,291	0	1	1,459	2,792	39
12	Jharkhand	4,345	0	6	1,993	2,311	35
13	Karnataka	5,946	0	36	3,707	2,172	31
14	Kerala	941	0	95	840	6	0
15	Ladakh	193	0	0	62	129	2
16	Lakshadweep	10	0	0	5	5	0
17	Madhya Pradesh	23,011	0	33	11,154	11,514	310
18	Maharashtra	27,894	0	315	10,049	16,909	621
19	Manipur	3,041	0	0	57	1,231	1,753
20	Meghalaya	3,069	0	0	18	2,292	759
21	Mizoram	840	0	34	549	253	4
22	Nagaland	1,277	0	0	33	1,040	204
23	Odisha	6,794	0	555	4,566	1,627	46
24	Puducherry	108	0	0	77	31	0
25	Punjab	13,233	0	1	3,275	9,464	493
26	Rajasthan	11,037	0	8	5,437	5,389	203
27	Sikkim	199	0	1	163	35	0
28	Tamil Nadu	12,482	0	197	10,520	1,746	19
29	Telangana	12,556	0	624	10,056	1,853	23
30	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	42	0	1	29	12	0
31	Tripura	1,176	0	943	233	0	0
32	Uttarakhand	7,766	0	3	2,359	5,203	201
33	Uttar Pradesh	57,678	0	51	18,905	32,598	6,124
Total		259,867	0	3,635	118,824	123,719	13,689

Annexure-II

Annex refer to in reply to Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2627 to be answered on 04/08/2026

Total Participants trained in Thematic Trainings 2022-23 to 2026-27(As on 10.07.2026)

S.No	States/UT	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 (As on 10.07.2026)
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	536	1,396	2,305	2,457	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	406,617	158	96,589	307,591	5,254
3	Arunachal Pradesh	-	1,363	798	568	-
4	Assam	25,255	1,369	20,491	20,758	-
5	Bihar	14,073	43,192	98,709	59,553	-
6	Chhattisgarh	2,809	10,597	4,382	327	-
7	Goa	-	434	30	286	-
8	Gujarat	-	32	40,020	266	-
9	Haryana	-	151	-	-	-
10	Himachal Pradesh	-	123	3,023	332	-
11	Jammu And Kashmir	189,327	171,419	-	20,413	-
12	Jharkhand	27	323	113	-	-
13	Karnataka	30	150,462	56,226	50,829	10
14	Kerala	98,592	83,307	54,129	4,923	-
15	Ladakh	-	-	-	4,368	-
16	Madhya Pradesh	30,355	10,813	25,214	17,450	313
17	Maharashtra	270,470	130,851	7,385	34,992	173
18	Manipur	-	341	42	-	-
19	Meghalaya	4,083	67,600	59,569	61,360	-
20	Mizoram	1,260	846	4,424	150	-
21	Nagaland	-	-	91	224	-
22	Odisha	64	72,932	103,882	130,745	71
23	Puducherry	-	-	-	-	-
24	Punjab	24,143	10,213	2,567	21,540	-
25	Rajasthan	1,108	4,211	7,870	9,524	-
26	Sikkim	8,999	4,565	2,890	4,039	-
27	Tamil Nadu	8,568	38,765	31,220	1,195	-
28	Telangana	762	608	64	57	-
29	The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	457	250	335	800	-
30	Tripura	100	51,643	27,937	24,400	-
31	Uttar Pradesh	2,367	762	5,767	11,383	-

32	Uttarakhand	72,937	21,764	141	159	-
33	West Bengal	27,410	25,391	101,088	28,585	-
34	Center	2,516	137	471	-	-
	TOTAL	1192865	906018	757772	819274	5821
