

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3914
ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

MODERN FACILITIES TO GRAM PANCHAYATS

3914 SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to connect all Gram Panchayats with modern facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that more than 50,000 Gram Panchayats (GPs) do not have their own office buildings;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps Government is taking to construct GPs under various schemes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) (b) & (e) Panchayat being State subject, providing modern facilities like Gram Panchayat Bhawans, computers & peripheral, connectivity etc for Gram Panchayats (GPs) is primarily the responsibility of respective States/UTs. However, the Government supplements the efforts of the States/UTs in this regard, through its schemes and programmes viz Central Finance Commission grants, Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan RGSA, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) etc.

Keeping in view the variation in terms of infrastructural facilities in the Panchayats across States, Ministry from time to time has been impressing upon States to take appropriate measures to address these gaps including construction of GP building. The States have been advised to optimally utilise resources available under Schemes/ Programmes of Government in convergence with State Finance Commission Funds, Panchayats Own Source Revenue (OSR) etc. to bridge gaps.

Further, under the Digital India Programme, BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications in phased manner to provide connectivity in all the Gram Panchayats in the country through Wi-fi or any other suitable broadband technology

including Fiber to the Home (FTTH). As on 16.03.2022, total 1,76,793 GPs have been made Service Ready under the BharatNet project in the country. The targeted date for the completion of the project is August, 2023. The scope of BharatNet on 30.06.2021 has been extended upto all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country.

(c) & (d) As per information available 50917 GPs do not have Panchayat Bhawan. State-wise details is at **Annexure**.

Annexure

**Annex refer to in reply to Part (c) & (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3914
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State-wise details number of Gram Panchayats without Panchayat Building

Sl. No	State	GPs without own building
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	11
2	Andhra Pradesh	2209
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1411
4	Assam	630
5	Bihar	6711
6	Chhattisgarh	105
7	Goa	4
8	Gujarat	76
9	Haryana	3059
10	Himachal Pradesh	398
11	Jammu & Kashmir	1388
12	Jharkhand	121
13	Karnataka	414
14	Kerala	1
15	Ladakh	9
16	Lakshadweep	5
17	Madhya Pradesh	445
18	Maharashtra	4007
19	Manipur	3657
20	Meghalaya	3602
21	Mizoram	407
22	Nagaland	625
23	Odisha	0
24	Puducherry	31
25	Punjab	5176
26	Rajasthan	1606
27	Sikkim	9
28	Tamil Nadu	1331
29	Telangana	7986
30	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	13
31	Tripura	87
32	Uttar Pradesh	4179
33	Uttarakhand	1181
34	West Bengal	23
	Total	50917