

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 721
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

EMPOWERMENT OF PANCHAYATS

721. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the basic facilities provided by Government to the Panchayats so far;
- (b) the achievements made during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether the review of the basic facilities provided to the Panchayats by Government are being done with the aim of improving the standard of living in the villages of the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of steps taken/being taken by Government for the empowerment of Panchayats?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) and (b) Panchayat, being “Local Government”, is a State subject in terms of the State list of Seventh Schedule of Constitution of India. Mandate for setting up of Panchayats is provided by Article 243C in Part IX of the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the Panchayats are setup and operate through the respective State Panchayati Raj Acts. Panchayat being a State subject, it is for the concerned State Government to endow Panchayats with such powers and authority to enable to function as institutions of self-governance, and plan and implement schemes for economic development and social justice including the basic facilities. Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) supplements the efforts of the States through Central Finance Commission Grants and Revamped Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan(RGSA).

The Revamped RGSA scheme provides financial and technical support to the states for Capacity Building and Training (CB&T) of elected representatives and functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions with focus on Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) so as to enable them to discharge their mandated functions effectively.

State-wise allocation and release of Central Finance Commission Grants for Rural Local Bodies, including Uttar Pradesh, during the last three years and current year is given at **Annexure**.

(c) MoPR reviews the performance of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) throughout the country from time to time through studies, review meetings, field visits, video conferencing, Information Technology applications, Common Review Missions (CRMs) etc.

(d) To strengthen functioning of PRIs across the country, MoPR has launched eGramSwaraj(<https://egramswaraj.gov.in>), a user friendly web-based portal, which aims to bring in better transparency in the decentralised planning, progress reporting, financial management, work-based accounting and details of assets created. Further, for ensuring timely audit of Panchayat accounts i.e. receipts and expenditures of Gram Panchayats, MoPR has rolled out an online application – AuditOnline (<https://auditonline.gov.in>). This application not only facilitates the auditing of Panchayat accounts but also provides for maintaining of audit records. This application streamlines the process for audit inquiries, draft local audit reports, draft audit paras etc. and thus ensures proper maintenance of accounts by Panchayats to improve transparency and accountability.

To deliver various citizen centric services online in the rural areas and Gram Panchayats, Common Service Centres(CSCs) have been setup through a ‘Common Service Centre - Special Purpose Vehicle’ (CSC-SPV), a society of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Under the Fourteenth Finance Commission (XIV FC) award for the period of 2015-2020, grants to the tune of Rs. 2,00,292.20 crore were allocated to GPs in 26 States. The grant was provided to GPs for delivering basic services. Under Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV FC), Grants to the tune of Rs. 60,750 crore were allocated for the interim period FY 2020-21 and Rs.2,36,805 Crore are allocated for the period FY 2021-26 to Panchayats in all the three tiers and Traditional Local Bodies and Sixth Schedule areas in 28 States. The XV FC Grants have two components—Tied and Untied. Tied Grants are to be used for drinking water, rainwater harvesting, water recycling, sanitation and maintenance of ODF status. Untied grants are to be used for felt needs under the 29 subjects enshrined in the XI Schedule of the Constitution of India, except for salaries and other establishment costs.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) and (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 721 answered on 08.02.2023

Allocation and Release of Central Finance Commission Grants to the States for Rural Local Bodies during the last three years and current year

(Rs. In crore)

Sl. No.	States	Under XIV FC		Under XV FC					
		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
		Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release
1	Andhra Pradesh	2622.13	2336.56	2625.00	2625.00	1939.00	1917.85	2010.00	0.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	248.44	221.38	231.00	231.00	170.00	85.00	177.00	0.00
3	Assam	1641.19	1462.45	1604.00	1604.00	1186.00	1186.00	1228.00	614.00
4	Bihar	6368.25	5674.70	5018.00	5018.00	3709.00	3709.00	3842.00	3842.00
5	Chhattisgarh	1588.94	1415.89	1454.00	1454.00	1075.00	1075.00	1114.00	1114.00
6	Goa	40.53	36.12	75.00	75.00	55.00	27.50	57.00	0.00
7	Gujarat	2616.26	2331.33	3195.00	3195.00	2362.00	2362.00	2446.00	1223.00
8	Haryana	1176.68	1048.53	1264.00	1264.00	935.00	654.50	968.00	0.00
9	Himachal Pradesh	548.36	488.64	429.00	429.00	317.00	317.00	329.00	164.50
10	Jharkhand	1832.12	1632.59	1689.00	1689.00	1249.00	1249.00	1293.00	0.00
11	Karnataka	2814.39	2504.13	3217.00	3217.00	2377.00	2375.50	2463.00	2093.55
12	Kerala	1217.30	1084.73	1628.00	1628.00	1203.00	1203.00	1246.00	1246.00
13	Madhya Pradesh	4107.48	3660.14	3984.00	3984.00	2944.00	2944.00	3050.00	0.00
14	Maharashtra	4555.70	4059.55	5827.00	5827.00	4307.00	4107.82	4461.00	1820.38
15	Manipur	62.43	55.63	177.00	177.00	131.00	65.50	135.00	0.00
16	Meghalaya#	-	-	182.00	182.00	135.00	40.50	140.00	0.00
17	Mizoram#	-	-	93.00	93.00	69.00	34.50	71.00	0.00
18	Nagaland#	-	-	125.00	125.00	92.00	92.00	96.00	0.00
19	Odisha	2681.59	2389.54	2258.00	2258.00	1669.00	1669.00	1728.00	1728.00
20	Punjab	1239.58	1104.58	1388.00	1388.00	1026.00	1026.00	1062.00	531.00
21	Rajasthan	4130.90	3681.01	3862.00	3862.00	2854.00	2854.00	2957.00	1476.84
22	Sikkim	44.99	40.09	42.00	42.00	31.00	31.00	33.00	16.50
23	Tamil Nadu	2659.50	1821.11	3607.00	3607.00	2666.00	2666.00	2761.00	1380.50
24	Telangana	1628.68	1451.30	1847.00	1847.00	1365.00	1365.00	1415.00	707.50
25	Tripura	101.71	90.63	191.00	191.00	141.00	141.00	147.00	73.50
26	Uttar Pradesh	10840.04	9659.47	9752.00	9752.00	7208.00	7208.00	7466.00	3733.00
27	Uttarakhand	570.44	508.31	574.00	574.00	425.00	418.70	440.00	219.60
28	West Bengal	4300.01	3703.25	4412.00	4412.00	3261.00	3217.02	3378.00	1660.93
	Total	59637.64	52461.66	60750.00	60750.00	44901.00	44041.39	46513.00	23644.80

Funds under XIV FC not recommended to Non-Part IX States
