GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1050
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

E-PANCHAYATS

1050.   SHRI NARESH BANSAL

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

(a)   the present status of progress made to provide internet/e-Panchayat facility in all the Panchayats in the country, State/UT-wise, particularly in Uttarakhand;

(b)   the number of Panchayats which have been provided with uninterrupted internet/e-Panchayat facility for the better e-governance and public convenience in the country especially in Uttarakhand;

(c)   whether Government is committed to provide internet/e-Panchayat facility in all the villages and hamlets of Panchayats, if so, the details thereof; and

(d)   the steps Government is taking or planning to take in order to ensure digitization of Panchayat offices ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

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(a) to (d) Under Digital India Programme, Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), in all the States/ UTs of the country, including Uttarakhand. The aim is to revamp the functioning of Panchayats and to make them more transparent, accountable and effective. Ministry has launched eGramSwaraj, an accounting application to simplify Panchayat work like planning, accounting and budgeting. Ministry has also integrated eGramSwaraj with Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for Gram Panchayats (GPs) to make real time payments to vendors/service providers. The progress made by States, including Uttarakhand, under eGramSwaraj in for the year 2023-24 is given at **Annexure-I**.

In addition, for providing high bandwidth capacity, expansion of mobile services and broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas, BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications in a phased manner to create network to connect all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2, 55,000) in the country. The scope of BharatNet on 30.06.2021 has been extended to cover all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country.   As per the information available with this Ministry from BharatNet UNMS dashboard, so far 2,18,300 GPs have been made Service-Ready under the BharatNet project in the country.   State/UT-

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wise Service Ready GPs is at Annexure-II. There may be more than one service points in some Gram Panchayats.

Beside this, applications developed by the Ministry like 'Meri Panchayat App' has endeavoured to bring transparency in Panchayat Governance by making information on planning, activities and progress of works in Panchayat easily accessible to public on online platform. Similarly, 'Panchayat Nirnay' is an online application aims at bringing transparency and better management in conduct of Gram Sabhas by Panchayats.

Further, an application 'AuditOnline' has been developed for online audits of Panchayat accounts and their financial management. AuditOnline portal, launched in April 2020, facilitates transparent auditing of Central Finance Commission funds utilization and strengthens financial management of Panchayats.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1050 answered on 04.12.2024 regarding 'e-PANCHAYATS'.

Adoption of eGramSwaraj at the Panchayat Level for XV Finance Commission during FY 2023-24

S.No	State Name	Total Number of Village Panchayats & Equivalent	Village Panchayat onboard	Village Panchayats & Equivalent With Online Payment	Total Number of Block Panchayats & Equivalent	Block Panchayat onboard	Block Panchayats With Online Payment	Total Number of Zila Panchayats & Equivalent	Zila Panchayat onboard	Zila Panchayats With Online Payment
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	13328	13296	13095	660	660	650	13	13	13
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2108	2106	1449	0	0	0	25	25	22
3	ASSAM	2662	2197	2191	191	191	191	30	27	27
4	BIHAR	8176	8176	8057	534	534	528	38	38	38
5	CHHATTISGARH	11655	11654	11249	146	146	145	27	27	27
6	GOA	191	190	86	0	0	0	2	2	2
7	GUJARAT	14627	14591	13852	248	248	248	33	33	33
8	HARYANA	6225	6220	5653	143	143	128	22	22	22
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3615	3614	3545	81	81	80	12	12	12
10	JHARKHAND	4345	4345	4341	264	264	264	24	24	24
11	KARNATAKA	5953	5953	5936	238	232	183	31	31	28
12	KERALA	941	941	940	152	152	152	14	14	14
13	MADHYA	23012	23010	22700	313	313	309	52	52	52

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14	MAHARASHTRA	27833	27795	26528	351	351	346	34	34	34
15	MANIPUR	3180	161	0	0	0	0	12	6	3
16	MEGHALAYA	6800	0	0	2241	0	0	3	3	0
17	MIZORAM	843	841	785	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	NAGALAND	1293	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	ODISHA	6798	6798	6788	314	314	314	30	30	30
20	PUNJAB	13241	13223	11627	152	151	136	22	22	20
21	RAJASTHAN	11255	11251	11029	362	353	352	33	33	33
22	SIKKIM	199	199	179	0	0	0	6	6	4
23	TAMIL NADU	12525	12525	12449	388	388	386	36	36	36
24	TELANGANA	12769	12769	12758	540	540	490	32	32	32
25	TRIPURA	1178	1178	1176	75	75	75	9	9	9
26	UTTARAKHAND	7795	7794	7773	95	95	94	13	13	13
27	UTTAR PRADESH	57754	57752	57621	826	826	817	75	75	75
28	WEST BENGAL	3339	3339	3225	345	345	336	22	21	21
	Total	**263640**	**252104**	**245032**	**8659**	**6402**	**6224**	**650**	**640**	**624**

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1050 answered on 04.12.2024 regarding 'e-PANCHAYATS

Status of Service Ready Gram Panchayats

Sr.No	State Name	Total GPs/ TLBs	Service Ready GPs/TLBs *
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13327	12972
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	70	81
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2108	1133
4.	The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	42	41
5.	Assam	2662	1634
6.	Lakshadweep	10	9
7.	Bihar	8054	8860
8.	Ladakh	193	193
9.	Chhattisgarh	11648	9759
10.	Puducherry	108	101
11.	Goa	191	0
12.	Gujarat	14656	14559
13.	Haryana	6223	6204
14.	Himachal Pradesh	3615	416
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	4291	1115
16.	Jharkhand	4345	4649
17.	Karnataka	5953	6251
18.	Kerala	941	1130
19.	Madhya Pradesh	23011	18106
20.	Maharashtra	27951	24778
21.	Manipur	3812	1479
22.	Meghalaya	6832	696
23.	Mizoram	843	535
24.	Nagaland	1315	236
25.	Odisha	6794	7099
26.	Punjab	13238	12807
27.	Rajasthan	11218	8997
28.	Sikkim	199	54
29.	Tamil Nadu	12525	10295
30.	Telangana	12771	10926
31.	Tripura	1192	772
32.	Uttar Pradesh	57702	47434
33.	Uttarakhand	7795	2021
34.	West Bengal	3339	2958
	Grand Total	**268974**	**218300**

* The data related to Service Ready GPs is sourced from the BharatNet UNMS Dashboard, and some Gram Panchayats may have multiple service points.

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