

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1051
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

E-GRAMSWARAJ AT PANCHAYATI LEVEL

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Will the Minister of Panchayati Raj be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched any application to support Gram Panchayats to encourage spatial planning at Gram Panchayat level using geo-spatial technology in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Service Ready Gram Panchayats along with adoption of e-GramSwaraj at Panchayati level during 15th Finance Commission for year 2024-25, State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any measure to implement more projects under Digital India Programme, with the aim to make Panchayats, more transparent, accountable, and effective as local self-government across the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

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(a) & (b) In order to encourage the Spatial Planning by the Gram Panchayat, Ministry of Panchayati Raj had launched the Geographic Information System (GIS) application “Gram Manchitra” (<https://grammanchitra.gov.in>). This application facilitates and supports Gram Panchayats to perform planning at Gram Panchayat level using geo-spatial technology. It provides a single/ unified Geo Spatial platform to better visualize the various developmental works to be taken up across the different sectors and provide a decision support system for Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP). The application supports Gram Panchayats across India, including Himachal Pradesh, in planning effectively using geo-spatial technology.

(c) & (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. 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, under eGramSwaraj for the year 2024-25 is given at **Annexure-I**.

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

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. State/UT-wise Service Ready GPs as available at the BharatNet UNMS Dashboard is at Annexure-II. There may be more than one service-ready points in a Gram Panchayats.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1051 answered on 04.12.2024 regarding ‘e-GramSwaraj at Panchayati level’.

Adoption of eGramSwaraj at the Panchayat Level for XV Finance Commission during FY 2024-25

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	12733	660	660	626	13	13	13
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2108	2106	157	0	0	0	25	25	5
3	ASSAM	2662	2197	2138	191	191	175	30	27	25
4	BIHAR	8054	8054	7979	534	534	522	38	38	38
5	CHHATTISGARH	11596	11594	11328	146	146	146	27	27	27
6	GOA	191	190	81	0	0	0	2	2	2
7	GUJARAT	14655	14591	13149	248	248	248	33	33	33
8	HARYANA	6225	6220	5659	143	143	125	22	22	22
9	HIMACHAL	3615	3614	3397	81	81	78	12	12	12

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10	JHARKH AND	4345	4345	4295	264	264	259	24	24	23
11	KARNAT AKA	5954	5953	5928	238	232	101	31	31	28
12	KERALA	941	941	935	152	152	149	14	14	14
13	MADHYA PRADES H	23011	23009	22949	313	313	308	52	52	52
14	MAHAR ASHTRA	27911	27828	25364	351	351	293	34	34	34
15	MANIPU R	3180	161	107	0	0	0	12	6	4
16	MEGHAL AYA	6817	0	0	2241	0	0	3	3	0
17	MIZORA M	842	842	832	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	NAGALA ND	1289	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	ODISHA	6794	6794	6789	314	314	314	30	30	30
20	PUNJAB	13236	13219	8777	152	151	107	22	22	19

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21	RAJASTHAN	11211	11206	10398	361	353	351	33	33	33
22	SIKKIM	199	199	188	0	0	0	6	6	6
23	TAMIL NADU	12525	12525	12496	388	388	388	36	36	36
24	TELANGANA	12771	12768	12592	540	540	488	32	32	31
25	TRIPURA	1194	1176	1136	75	75	73	9	9	8
26	UTTARA KHAND	7795	7794	7728	95	95	95	13	13	13
27	UTTAR PRADESH	57691	57691	57264	826	826	811	75	75	75
28	WEST BENGAL	3339	3339	3338	345	345	345	22	21	21
Total		263479	251838	237737	8658	6402	6002	650	640	604

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) & (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1051 answered on 04.12.2024 regarding 'e-GramSwaraj at Panchayati level'.

Status of Service Ready Gram Panchayats

Sr. No	State Name	Total GPs/ TLBs	Service Ready TLBs*	GPs/
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 is sourced from the BharatNet UNMS Dashboard, and some Gram Panchayats may have more than one service points.
