

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2155
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025

DIGITALISATION OF GRAM PANCHAYATS

2155 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government has completed the implementation of Digitalisation of Gram Panchayats and Digital India Programme, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of Panchayats in the country that have been digitized under the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project as on date, State-wise;

(c) the total number of Gram Panchayats in the country provided with computers and internet connection and Gram Panchayats not having computer and internet connection in the country, State-wise; and

(d) whether there is a timeline for digitizing the remaining Panchayats in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

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(a) & (b) Under the Digital India Programme, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) across all States and Union Territories (UTs) of the country. This initiative aims to revamp the functioning of Panchayats, making them more transparent, accountable, and effective. As part of this initiative, the Ministry has launched eGramSwaraj, an online planning and accounting application designed to simplify Panchayat activities such as planning, accounting, and budgeting. The Ministry has also integrated eGramSwaraj with the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for Gram Panchayats (GPs) to make real time payments to vendors/service providers. Panchayats use the eGramSwaraj portal to prepare and upload their Annual Panchayat Development Plans. The progress made by States under eGramSwaraj during the year 2024-25 is provided in **Annexure-I**.

(c) To attain the vision of Digital India, the BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats in the country. So far, out of a total of 2.68 lakh Gram Panchayats/ Traditional Local Bodies (TLBs), 2.18 lakh GPs/TLBs have been made service-ready for providing high-speed internet services under the BharatNet project. To further improve digital connectivity, the Amended BharatNet Programme was approved by the

Cabinet on 04.08.2023 for the upgradation of the existing network of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II and the creation of a network in the remaining Gram Panchayats.

The number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) with computers, as reported by States in their Annual Action Plan, and the number of service-ready points in GPs under the BharatNet Project of the Department of Telecommunications may be seen in **Annexure-II**. The data on service-ready GPs is sourced from the BharatNet UNMS Dashboard.

(d) All States are striving to implement the e-Panchayat MMP based on the resources available to them. However, due to varying levels of preparedness among Panchayats nationwide, the progress of implementation differs across States. Furthermore, according to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), the BharatNet project is scheduled for completion by March 2027.

Annexure-I

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question
No. 2155 answered on 19.03.2025 regarding 'Digitalisation of Gram Panchayats'
Adoption of eGramSwaraj at Gram Panchayat level during FY 2024-25**

S · N o	State Name	Tot al Nu mb er of Vill age Pa nc ha ya ts & Eq ui v al e nt	Vi ll a ge Pa nc ha ya t on bo ar d	Vil lag e Pa nc ha ya ts & Eq ui v al e nt Wi th O n li ne Pa y m e nt	To tal Nu m b er of Bl oc k Pa nc ha ya ts & Eq ui v al e nt	Bl oc k Pa nc ha ya t on bo ar d	Bl oc k Pa nc ha ya ts Wi th O n li ne Pa y m e nt	Tot al Nu mb er of Zil la Pa nc ha ya ts & Eq ui v al e nt		Zi la Pa nc ha ya t on bo ar d	Zi la Pa nc ha ya ts Wi th O n li ne Pa y m e nt
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	13328	1329 6	12970	660	660	642	13		13	13
2	ARUNACH AL PRADESH	2108	2106	222	0	0	0	27		25	8
3	ASSAM	2662	2197	2176	191	191	189	30		29	27
4	BIHAR	8054	8054	8045	534	534	530	38		38	38
5	CHHATTISG ARH	11596	1159 4	11516	146	146	146	27		27	27
6	GOA	191	190	93	0	0	0	2		2	2
7	GUJARAT	14656	1459 9	13890	248	248	248	33		33	33
8	HARYANA	6226	6222	5914	143	143	134	22		22	22
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3615	3614	3540	81	81	81	12		12	12
10	JHARKHAN D	4345	4345	4329	264	264	262	24		24	24
11	KARNATAK A	5954	5954	5937	238	232	126	31		31	28

12	KERALA	941	941	941	152	152	152	14	14	14
13	MADHYA PRADESH	23011	2300 9	22980	313	313	310	52	52	52
14	MAHARAS HTRA	27917	2789 4	26737	351	351	307	34	34	34
15	MANIPUR	3180	161	123	0	0	0	12	6	4
16	MEGHALA YA	6817	0	0	2241	0	0	3	3	0
17	MIZORAM	842	842	832	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	NAGALAN D	1289	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	ODISHA	6794	6794	6793	314	314	314	30	30	30
20	PUNJAB	13237	1322 2	9775	152	151	114	22	22	19
21	RAJASTHA N	11211	1120 7	10837	361	353	351	33	33	33
22	SIKKIM	199	199	195	0	0	0	6	6	6
23	TAMIL NADU	12525	1252 5	12519	388	388	388	36	36	36
24	TELANGAN A	12991	1276 8	12636	572	540	508	32	32	32
25	TRIPURA	1194	1185	1174	75	75	75	9	9	9
26	UTTARAKH AND	7795	7794	7743	95	95	95	13	13	13
27	UTTAR PRADESH	57691	5769 1	57609	826	826	818	75	75	75
28	WEST BENGAL	3339	3339	3338	345	345	345	22	21	21
Total		26370 8	2519 28	24286 4	8690	6402	6135	652	642	612

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2155 answered on 19.03.2025 regarding 'Digitalisation of Gram Panchayats'.

State-wise Status of Gram Panchayats with Computers and Internet Connections

Sl. No	Name of the States/UTs	Total GPs/ TLBs (as per LGD)	GPs with Computers	GPs without Computers	Service Ready Points in GPs/TLBs for internet *
1	Andaman & Nicobar	70	70	0	81
2	Andhra Pradesh	13327	9556	3771	12972
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2108	972	1136	1145
4	Assam	2662	1510	1152	1634
5	Bihar	8054	8053	1	8860
6	Chhattisgarh	11648	5752	5896	9759
7	Goa	191	191	0	0
8	Gujarat	14656	14546	110	14563
9	Haryana	6223	1725	4498	6204
10	Himachal Pradesh*	3615	3615	0	416
11	Jammu and Kashmir	4291	4291	0	1115
12	Jharkhand	4345	3312	1033	4649
13	Karnataka	5953	5953	0	6251
14	Kerala	941	941	0	1130
15	Ladakh	193	129	64	193
16	Lakshadweep	10	0	10	9
17	Madhya Pradesh	23011	22722	289	18106
18	Maharashtra	27951	27006	945	24778
19	Manipur	3812	161	3651	1485
20	Meghalaya	6832	4729	2103	697
21	Mizoram	843	261	582	539
22	Nagaland	1315	595	720	236
23	Odisha	6794	6794	0	7099
24	Puducherry	108	0	108	101
25	Punjab	13238	0	13238	12807
26	Rajasthan	11218	11208	10	8997
27	Sikkim	199	149	50	54
28	Tamil Nadu	12525	10100	2425	10298
29	Telangana	12771	4436	8335	10926

30	The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	42	42	0	41
31	Tripura	1192	701	491	772
32	Uttar Pradesh	57702	57702	0	47451
33	Uttarakhand	7795	2805	4990	2021
34	West Bengal	3339	3339	0	2958
Total		268974	213366	55608	218347

***The data is sourced from the BharatNet UNMS Dashboard, and some Gram Panchayats may have multiple service-ready points.**