

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1528
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025

CARBON NEUTRAL PANCHAYAT

1528 DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that country's first Carbon Neutral Panchayat has been announced, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether feasibility studies are being conducted for other panchayats to assess the possibility of making them carbon neutral;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether steps have been taken to ensure Carbon Neutrality of Panchayats under the 'Gram Urja Swaraj' programme; and
- (e) if so, the schemes currently being implemented under this programme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) In collaboration with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Ministry of Panchayati Raj a local climate action plan for Palli Gram Panchayat, Samba District, Jammu has been prepared by the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

For their outstanding efforts in achieving net-zero carbon emissions, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj presented the “Carbon Neutral Gram Panchayat Award” under the National Panchayat Awards 2023 to three Gram Panchayats: Meenangadi (Sulthan Bathery Block, Wayanad District, Kerala) ranked first, Kanha (Nandigama Block, Rangareddi District, Telangana) ranked second, and Bonaigarh (Bonaigarh Block, Sundargarh District, Odisha) ranked third. These awards were conferred on 17th April 2023 at a ceremony graced by the Hon’ble President of India.

Similarly, under the National Panchayat Awards 2024, the “Carbon Neutral Gram Panchayat Award” was conferred on three Gram Panchayats: Bela (Block Bhandara, District Bhandara, Maharashtra) ranked first, Kendrikela (Block Bonaigarh, District Sundargarh,

Odisha) ranked second, and Milak Amawti (Block Dilari, District Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh) ranked third. These awards were presented on 11th December 2024 at a ceremony also graced by the Hon'ble President of India.

(d) & (e) Other than incentivizing carbon neutrality in Gram Panchayats, no steps have been taken.
