

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1975
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023

E-PANCHAYAT MISSION MODE PROJECT IN WEST BENGAL

1975 DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of **PANCHAYATI RAJ** be pleased to State:

- (a) whether e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) is being implemented in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details of the progress made thereunder, district-wise;
- (c) the details of facilities and equipments likely to be made available in Panchayats under the said project;
- (d) the details of funds likely to be spent for converting any Panchayat into e-Panchayat; and
- (e) the details of the funds allocated and spent in North and South Dinajpur districts of West Bengal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. 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 West Bengal. 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 under eGramSwaraj in the States of West Bengal for the year 2022-23 is given at **Annexure**.

(c) to (e) Under the e-Panchayat MMP, no direct financial assistance is provided to States / UTs for implementation of e-governance in the Panchayats. Panchayat being a State subject, providing infrastructural facilities to GPs is primarily the responsibility of States. However, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) being implemented from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2026, supplements the efforts of States on a limited scale by providing financial support for certain infrastructural facilities for GPs such as Gram Panchayat Bhawans, computers and peripherals. Under RGSA funds have been provided to State and not to Districts. Rs 4.28 crore has been released to West Bengal under RGSA during the last financial year. Further, BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications in a phased manner to create network to connect all the GPs by broadband in the country. So far, 1,99,144 GPs have been made Service Ready under the BharatNet project in the country. The scope of BharatNet on 30.06.2021 has been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1975 answered on 01.08.2023 regarding 'e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project in West Bengal'.

Adoption of eGramSwaraj at Panchayat level

S.No.	Financial Year	Total Number of Zila Panchayats & Equivalent	Plans Uploaded	Zilla Panchayat onboard (eGS - PFMS)	Zilla Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment	Total Number of Block Panchayats & Equivalent	Plans Uploaded	Block Panchayat onboard (eGS - PFMS)	Block Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment	Total Number of Gram Panchayats & Equivalent	Plans Uploaded	Gram Panchayat onboard (eGS - PFMS)	Gram Panchayats & Equivalent with Online Payment
1	2021-22	22	21	21	21	344	334	336	333	3340	3228	3229	3213
2	2022-23	22	21	21	21	344	336	336	334	3340	3222	3229	3223
3	2023-24	22	21	21	21	344	335	336	4819	3340	3223	3229	3218
