

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 344
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023

“CARBON NEUTRAL PANCHAYAT”

344. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:
SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 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 details of schemes currently being implemented under this programme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(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 exemplary work towards achieving net-zero carbon emissions, Ministry of Panchayati Raj conferred “Carbon Neutral Gram Panchayat Award” under the National Panchayat Awards 2023 to three Gram Panchayats namely, Meenangadi (Sulthan Bathery Block, Wayanad District, Kerala), Kanha (Nandigama Block, Rangareddi District, Telangana) and Bonaigarh (Bonaigarh Block, Sundargarh District, Odisha) in the rank first, second and third, respectively. These awards were conferred on 17th April, 2023 in the event graced by Hon’ble President on India.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.
