

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2333
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2020

INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES TO GRAM PANCHAYATS

†2333. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages in the country as on date and the number of villages having functional Gram Panchayats;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats having their own pucca Gram Panchayat office;
- (c) the number of Gram Panchayats still functioning from a rented building or a kutchha office;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to provide all the Gram Panchayats with the facilities of pucca building, electricity, water and computers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) As per information there are 662336 villages in the country. Further, out of 257816 Gram Panchayats (GPs)/ Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) across the country, 59657 are not having their own building. State-wise details are enclosed as **Annexure 1**.

(d) & (e) 'Panchayat' being "local government", which is part of the State List of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India is a State subject. Hence, providing infrastructural facilities such as Panchayat Building, electricity, computers etc are primarily the responsibility of the State. However, Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) supplements the efforts of the States, through its schemes and programmes.

Support for infrastructural facilities of computers & peripherals, electricity connections, water etc. in GPs is provided under various schemes/programmes of MoPR viz. Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), Fourteenth Finance Commission etc. For GP buildings, the restructured scheme of RGSA provides financial support for construction of GP Bhawan on a limited scale and approximately 4400 GP Bhawan since 2018-19 under the scheme has been approved for construction- details are at **Annexure II**. Further, in view of the huge gap in respect of GP buildings across the States, the matter has been taken up at the level of Chief Minister/ Chief Secretary of the respective States to take up the construction of Panchayat buildings on priority, in phased manner by converging funds/ resources under MGNREGS with other State schemes for saturating the gap.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (a) to (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2333 FOR ANSWER ON 13.03.2020

SL. No	State	Gram Panchayat without own Buildings
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	11
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	1307
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1233
4	ASSAM	294
5	BIHAR	1055
6	CHHATTISGARH	0
7	DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI	9
8	DAMAN AND DIU	0
9	GOA	90
10	GUJARAT	227
11	HARYANA	3827
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	9
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1259
14	JHARKHAND	276
15	KARNATAKA	460
16	KERALA	3
17	MADHYA PRADESH	0
18	MAHARASHTRA	3789
19	MANIPUR	57
20	Meghalaya	1570
21	Mizoram	95
22	Nagaland	625
23	ODISHA	0
24	PUDUCHERRY	20
25	PUNJAB	7624
26	RAJASTHAN	723
27	SIKKIM	43
28	TAMIL NADU	2651
29	TELANGANA	4390
30	TRIPURA	56
31	UTTAR PRADESH	26317
32	UTTARAKHAND	1599
33	WEST BENGAL	38
	Total	59657

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (d) & (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2333 FOR ANSWER ON 13.03.2020

SL. No	State	Construction approved		Total approved under RGSA
		2019	2018	
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0	0
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	80	64	144
4	ASSAM	30	20	50
5	BIHAR	0	0	0
6	CHHATTISGARH	0	0	0
7	DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI	5	2	7
8	DAMAN AND DIU	0	0	0
9	GOA	4	1	5
10	GUJARAT	30	20	50
11	HARYANA	175	39	214
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	100	100	200
14	JHARKHAND	0	25	25
15	KARNATAKA	0	0	0
16	KERALA	3	1	4
17	MADHYA PRADESH	0	0	0
18	MAHARASHTRA	215	218	433
19	MANIPUR	10	5	15
20	Meghalaya	0	0	0
21	Mizoram	10	5	15
22	Nagaland	0	0	0
23	ODISHA	0	0	0
24	PUDUCHERRY	5	0	5
25	PUNJAB	351	350	701
26	RAJASTHAN	150	40	190
27	SIKKIM	10	2	12
28	TAMIL NADU	120	50	170
29	TELANGANA	500	0	500
30	TRIPURA	10	5	15
31	UTTAR PRADESH	1200	300	1500
32	UTTARAKHAND	100	50	150
33	WEST BENGAL	2	0	2
	Total	3110	1297	4407