

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*137  
ANSWERED ON-02.08.2023

**CARBON NEUTRAL PANCHAYAT**

**137 # SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:**

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 PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*137 FOR ANSWER ON 02.08.2023 REGARDING “CARBON NEUTRAL PANCHAYAT”**

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(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 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 in the event graced by Hon’ble President on India.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

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