

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1515
ANSWERED ON-02.08.2023

ELECTED WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES IN PANCHAYATI RAJ

1515. DR. C.M. RAMESH:

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

- (a) the number of elected women representatives in Panchayati Raj in the country during the last three years, State-wise details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to increase the number of women representatives and more participation of women in the Panchayati Raj, details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

(a) and (b) Article 243D of the Constitution of India provides not less than one-third reservation for women out of 'total number of seats to be filled by direct election in every Panchayat' and 'total number of offices of chairpersons in the Panchayats at each level'. However, 21 States and 2 Union Territories have gone even further and have made provisions of 50% reservation for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions in their respective State Panchayati Raj Acts/Rules. As per information available with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, details of number of elected women representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions of the States and Union Territories, covered under Part-IX of the Constitution of India, is placed at **Annexure**.

Further, Government has been encouraging increased involvement of women in the functioning of Panchayats through active participation in the Gram Sabha meetings for preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plans and various schemes being implemented by the Panchayats. This Ministry has also issued advisories to the States to facilitate holding of separate Ward Sabha and Mahila Sabha meetings prior to Gram Sabha meetings, enhancing the presence and participation of women in Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings, allocation of Panchayat funds for women centric activities, combating the evil of women trafficking, female foeticide, child marriage etc.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) and (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1515 answered on 02.08.2023.

Details of number of elected women representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions of the States and Union Territories covered under Part-IX of the Constitution of India.

Sl. No.	State / Union Territory	Number of elected women representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	306
2.	Andhra Pradesh	78025
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	3658
4.	Assam	14609
5.	Bihar	71046
6.	Chhattisgarh	93392
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	47
8.	Daman & Diu	92
9.	Goa	571
10.	Gujarat	71988
11.	Haryana	29499
12.	Himachal Pradesh	14398
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	13224
14.	Jharkhand	30757
15.	Karnataka	51030
16.	Kerala	9630
17.	Ladakh	515
18.	Lakshadweep	41
19.	Madhya Pradesh	196490
20.	Maharashtra	128677
21.	Manipur	880
22.	Odisha	56627
23.	Puducherry*	-
24.	Punjab	41922
25.	Rajasthan	64802
26.	Sikkim	580
27.	Tamil Nadu	56407
28.	Telangana	52096
29.	Tripura	3006
30.	Uttar Pradesh	304538
31.	Uttarakhand	35177
32.	West Bengal	30458
	Total	1454488

(*) Panchayat elections in Puducherry have not been conducted after 2011.
