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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

- (a) the number and percentage of Panchayat offices that have a computer and internet connection, State-wise, especially in Telangana;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to digitize Panchayat Institutions and offices;
- (c) the annual budget allocation and final expenditure on e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project during the last three years; and
- (d) the outcome status of the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

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(a) The number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) with computers, and their percentage, as reported by States in their Annual Action Plan, **including for the State of Telangana**, may be seen in **Annexure-I**. Further, high-speed internet is provided to the rural areas under BharatNet Project of the Department of Telecommunications. The number of GPs made service-ready under the BharatNet Project of the Department of Telecommunications, **including in the State of Telangana**, is also included in **Annexure-I**. The data on service-ready GPs is sourced from the BharatNet UNMS Dashboard. There may be more than one service-ready points in a Gram Panchayats.

(b) Under Digital India Programme, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), in all the States/ Union Territories (UTs) of the country. 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. As on Date, 2,54,508 Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs) for 2024-25 have been prepared and available in e-GramSwaraj.

Also, an application 'AuditOnline' has been developed for online audits of Panchayat accounts and their financial management. AuditOnline portal, launched in April 2020, facilitates transparent auditing of Central Finance Commission funds utilization and strengthens financial management of Panchayats. Similarly, Applications developed by the

Ministry like 'Meri Panchayat' has endeavoured to bring transparency in Panchayat Governance by making information on planning, activities and progress of works in Panchayat accessible to public. Similarly, 'Panchayat Nirnay' is an online application aims at bringing transparency and better management in conduct of Gram Sabhas by Panchayats.

For providing high bandwidth capacity, expansion of mobile services and broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas, BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications in a phased manner to create network to connect all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,55,000) in the country. BharatNet project's main goal is to provide high-speed internet to the rural areas across India. State/UT-wise List of Service Ready Gram Panchayats available for providing services under BharatNet is at **Annexure-I**. There may be more than one service ready points in a Gram Panchayat.

(c) Under e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project funds are being provided to National Informatics Center Services Inc. (NICSI) for central level support for maintenance of e-Panchayat applications. The year wise annual expenditure on E-Panchayat Mission Mode Project is given at **Annexure-II**.

(d) As a result of different initiatives, so far, 2.54 lakh GPs have prepared and uploaded their Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs) for 2024-25 on e-GramSwaraj. Under 15th Finance Commission, 2.45 lakh GPs have carried online transactions during 2023-24. All States are making efforts to implement e-Panchayat MMP, based on their available resources and there is substantial improvement in adoption of digital applications by the States in PRIs' functioning.

Annexure-I

State-wise Status of Gram Panchayats with Computers and Internet Connections

Sl. No	Name of the State	Total GPs/ TLBs (as per LGD)	GPs With Computer	% GPs With Computer	Service Ready GPs*	% Service Ready GPs*
1	Andhra Pradesh	13327	9556	72%	12972	97%
2	Andaman & Nicobar	70	70	100%	81	100%
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2108	972	46%	1133	54%
4	The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	42	42	100%	41	98%
5	Assam	2662	1510	57%	1634	61%
6	Lakshadweep	10	0	0%	9	90%
7	Bihar	8054	8053	100%	8860	100%
8	Ladakh	193	129	67%	193	100%
9	Chhattisgarh	11648	5752	49%	9759	84%
10	Puducherry	108	0	0%	101	94%
11	Goa	191	191	100%	0	0%
12	Gujarat	14656	14546	99%	14559	99%
13	Haryana	6223	1725	28%	6204	100%
14	Himachal Pradesh	3615	3415	94%	416	12%
15	Jammu and Kashmir	4291	4291	100%	1115	26%
16	Jharkhand	4345	3312	76%	4649	100%
17	Karnataka	5953	5953	100%	6251	100%
18	Kerala	941	941	100%	1130	100%
19	Madhya Pradesh	23011	22722	99%	18106	79%
20	Maharashtra	27951	26998	97%	24778	89%
21	Manipur	3812	161	4%	1479	39%
22	Meghalaya	6832	4729	69%	696	10%
23	Mizoram	843	261	31%	535	63%
24	Nagaland	1315	595	45%	236	18%
25	Odisha	6794	6794	100%	7099	100%
26	Punjab	13238	0	0%	12807	97%
27	Rajasthan	11218	11208	100%	8997	80%
28	Sikkim	199	149	75%	54	27%
29	Tamil Nadu	12525	10100	81%	10295	82%
30	Telangana	12771	4436	35%	10926	86%
31	Tripura	1192	701	59%	772	65%
32	Uttar Pradesh	57702	57702	100%	47434	82%
33	Uttarakhand	7795	2805	36%	2021	26%
34	West Bengal	3339	3339	100%	2958	89%

* The information is based on the data available on UNMS dashboard. Some Gram Panchayats may have multiple service points in a Gram Panchayat.

Annexure –II

Details of annual expenditure on E-Panchayat Mission Mode Project

(Rs. in Crore)

Financial Year	Budgeted estimates (B.E)	Revised Estimates (R.E)	Actual Expenditure
2021-22	20	11.71	11.71
2022-23	20	15	15
2023-24	20	16.28	16.03