

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO– ‡4096
ANSWERED ON- 25.03.2025

REGULATIONS OF PANCHAYAT COMMITTEES

‡4096. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

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

- (a) whether similar rules and regulations are prevailing in all the panchayat committees of all the districts, States/UTs-wise;
- (b) if not, the details of the difference among them;
- (c) the details of the obstacles in bringing the similar panchayati raj rules in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to construct at least similar auditoriums for the sitting of all the panchayat committees in the country so that all the members of the committees and officials as well as journalists can sit together?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

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(a) to (c) "Panchayat", being "Local Government", is a State subject and part of State List of Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Panchayats are set up and operate through the respective State Panchayati Raj Acts which may vary from State to State, subject to the provisions of the Constitution. All the States & Union Territories, covered under Part-IX of the Constitution, have made provisions in their State Panchayati Raj Acts to cover the basic structure of Panchayats enshrined in Part-IX of the Constitution which also includes rules/laws to constitute the Committees in the Panchayats, to conduct their business of respective tiers, to regulate their functions, procedures of their meetings, Quorum, procedure for moving resolution etc. So, the concept of similar rules and regulations in Panchayat Committees is already in place since 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 whereby Part -IX, relating to Panchayats, was inserted in the Constitution of India.

However, there are inevitable variations among Panchayati Raj Acts of the States/UTs because the States/UTs have framed their respective Panchayati Raj Acts to meet their specific needs.

(d) The Prime responsibility for providing Panchayat infrastructure, including sitting space for Panchayat Committees, vests with State Government. However, the Ministry, under the revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan scheme, has supplemented the efforts of all

States/UTs towards supporting functioning of Gram Panchayats by providing basic infrastructure facilities like the Panchayat Bhawan as proposed by States/UTs in their Annual Action Plan and approved by Central Empowered Committee on a limited scale.
