

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2208**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

**PROGRAMMES UNDER NNRMS**

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the present status of the Ministry's programme under the National Natural Resources Management System (NNRMS);
- (b) the list of the Village Resource Centres (VRCs) that have been set up thus far, state-wise; and
- (c) the details regarding the programmes that have been conducted by these VRCs situated in Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

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(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Department of Space as a nodal agency for implementation of National Natural Resources Management System (NNRMS) interacts with various Ministries/ Departments through nine theme-oriented Standing Committees for operational use of space technology.

Presently under NNRMS programme, Department of Space is carrying out various national level application projects, which include - (i) Natural Resources Census encompassing periodic mapping of land use/ land cover, land degradation, Geomorphology & Lineament; (ii) Space based Information Support for De-centralised Planning (SIS-DP) at Panchayat level; (iii) Forest Cover Change Alert System; (iv) Creation of GCP Library; (v) Multi-tier/ Multi-theme capacity building programme for Ministries/Departments. In addition, under the umbrella of NNRMS, various

ISRO/DOS Centres are executing different application projects sponsored by various Ministries/ Departments.

- (b) To demonstrate the potential of satellite technology, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) had set up 456 Village Resource Centres (VRCs), on a pilot basis, in various States/ Union Territories as given below:

Andhra Pradesh (3); Assam (13); Bihar (19); Delhi (2); Gujarat (10); Jharkhand (26); Himachal Pradesh (30); Karnataka (58); Kerala (21); Madhya Pradesh (24); Maharashtra (18); Meghalaya (1); Nagaland (8); Orissa (44); Puducherry (9); Rajasthan (21); Sikkim (19); Tamil Nadu (54); Telangana (14); Uttarakhand (18); Uttar Pradesh (30); West Bengal (10) and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (4).

- (c) The Village Resource Centres situated in Tamil Nadu were used to provide several space technology enabled services viz. skill development, advisories on agriculture, animal husbandry, computer learning, vocational training, etc.

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