GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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PROGRAMMES UNDER NNRMs

2208. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE
(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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