GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 229

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27^{TH} NOVEMBER, 2024/ AGRAHAYANA 6, 1946 (SAKA)

VIBRANT VILLAGE PROGRAMME (VVP)

229 # SHRI SHAMBHU SHARAN PATEL: SHRI BRIJ LAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the main features of Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) launched by Government for development of villages situated on the northern borders;
- (b) the activities started under VVP; and
- (c) the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) to (c): Government has approved Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 15th February, 2023 for comprehensive development of the select villages in 46 blocks abutting northern border in 19 districts in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and UT of Ladakh.

The programme envisages focused areas of interventions in the select villages for creation of opportunities for livelihood generation through promotion of tourism & cultural heritage, skill development &

entrepreneurship and development of cooperative societies including agriculture/horticulture, cultivation of medicinal plants/herbs etc. The interventions also include providing road connectivity to unconnected villages, housing & village infrastructures, energy including renewable energy, television & telecom connectivity. The objective of the programme is to create sufficient incentives for people to stay on in the selected villages.

Under the programme, more than 6800 activities have been undertaken including awareness drive, service delivery camps, training and capacity building activities, health and veterinary camps, fair & festivals and promotion of tourism activities, etc.
