

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3104**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH AUGUST, 2025/ SRAVANA 29, 1947 (SAKA)

VIBRANT VILLAGES PROGRAMME IN PUNJAB

3104 SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any village from Punjab has been included under the Vibrant Villages Programme aimed at developing border regions;**
- (b) if so, the district-wise names and number of villages identified;**
- (c) the infrastructural and livelihood development components approved under the scheme; and**
- (d) the current status of implementation and the budget allocated for Punjab?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Central Government, has approved the Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II), as a Central Sector Scheme, with a total outlay of ₹6839 crores till the Financial Year 2028-29 for comprehensive development of identified villages located in blocks abutting international land borders (ILBs), other than the Northern Border already covered under VVP-I, in the States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, J&K, Ladakh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The identified focus areas of interventions under the programme are (i) livelihood generation, (ii) road connectivity, (iii) energization, (iv) village infrastructure including health facilities (v) financial inclusion, (vi) empowerment of youth & skill development, (vii) development of cooperatives, SHGs & FPOs for managing livelihood opportunities and maintenance of assets created under the programme, (viii) promotion of tourism, culture and outreach activities, (ix) education infrastructure and (x) television and telecom connectivity.

District-wise villages identified under VVP-II in the State of Punjab are given in the table below:

S.No.	District	No. of Villages identified
1.	Amritsar	25
2.	Fazilka	15
3.	Ferozepur	17
4.	Gurdaspur	19
5.	Pathankot	7
6.	Tarn Taran	24
Total		107
