

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3223
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.08.2025

Cultural mapping and rural heritage

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar (MGMD) portal including number of villages live and documented since 2023;
- (b) the details of cultural assets being documented by Government, specifically the intangible heritage like linguistic diversity, oral traditions, folklore, and local festival;
- (c) the manner in which the mapped heritage data is being leveraged to boost rural livelihoods and cultural tourism; and
- (d) Government's plans and timelines to expand heritage mapping to more thoroughly cover intangible cultural traditions of marginalised and tribal communities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Till date, details of 4.84 lakh villages out of 6.5 lakh villages across India have been identified and uploaded on the MGMD portal. The State/UT-wise details are placed at Annexure-I.
- (b) The MGMD programme, through its comprehensive portal documents intangible cultural heritage components include:
 - Linguistic diversity – local dialects, scripts, and language usage patterns.
 - Oral traditions – folk tales, epics, proverbs, and community knowledge systems.
 - Folklore and performing arts – music, dance, theatre forms, and ritual practices.

- Local festivals and fairs – religious, seasonal, and community-specific celebrations.

(c) & (d) No Such proposal is under consideration.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure mentioned in the reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha unstarred question No. 3223 asked on August 21, 2025 regarding 'Cultural mapping and rural heritage'

VILLAGE DATA UPLOADED : STATE-WISE	
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	74
Andhra Pradesh	16131
Arunachal Pradesh	3884
Assam	19868
Bihar	39143
Chandigarh	12
Chhattisgarh	19349
Delhi	170
Goa	430
Gujarat	16406
Haryana	7502
Himachal Pradesh	19113
Jammu and Kashmir	6596
Jharkhand	38336
Karnataka	13712
Kerala	892
Ladakh	197
Lakshadweep	1
Madhya Pradesh	49625
Maharashtra	25307
Manipur	285
Meghalaya	6975
Mizoram	1015
Nagaland	1469
Odisha	35834
Puducherry	126
Punjab	10691
Rajasthan	39386
Sikkim	257
Tamil Nadu	14251
Telangana	4909
The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	106
Tripura	897
Uttar Pradesh	71076
Uttarakhand	14339
West Bengal	5917