

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 458**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 23/07/2025  
**VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRAS**

458. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state?

- (a) the total number of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) established across the country and the States with the highest concentration;
- (b) the total value of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) processed and marketed through VDVKs, and the increase in income levels observed among tribal gatherers; and
- (c) the steps taken to expand export opportunities for value-added MFP products and enhance market linkages?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

**(a) and (b)** Under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) and Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adiwasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) schemes, a total of 4,550 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras have been sanctioned till date. These VDVKs have realised a combined sale of around Rs. 129.48 crores till date including value added MFPs. Some of the States with highest concentration of VDVKs are Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Assam Nagaland and Maharashtra.

**(c)** To expand export opportunities for tribal products, including value-added MFP products, TRIFED engages with international bulk buyers and explores strategic partnerships through participating in international trade fairs and expos domestically and internationally. TRIFED is also pursuing collaborations with Indian Missions abroad to strengthen its presence in international markets and explores the opportunities for their sales promotion. Over the years TRIFED has exported various tribal products belonging to the broad categories like metal craft, pottery, paintings, jewellery, textiles, gifts & assortments as well as cane & bamboo etc.

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