

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 501**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2025

**CULTURAL MAPPING UNDER M.G.M.D**

**501#** SHRI SHAMBHU SHARAN PATEL:  
SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:  
SMT. MAYA NAROLIYA:  
SHRI NARESH BANSAL:  
SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:  
SHRI BABURAM NISHAD:  
SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:  
DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:  
SHRI MADAN RATHORE:  
DR. PARMAR JASHVANTSINH SALAMSINH:  
SHRI CHUNNILAL GARASIYA:  
SHRI NARHARI AMIN:  
DR. BHAGWAT KARAD:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages identified under the 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' (M. G. M. D) Programme for cultural mapping across the country and the number of villages whose data has been uploaded on M.G.M.D. web portal, so far;
- (b) the details of cultural elements and heritage components that are being documented under this programme; and
- (c) the manner in which this programme is expected to help in strengthening rural identity, promoting community participation and supporting local economic development?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The number of villages identified under Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar (MGMD) Programme for cultural mapping across the country is 6,38,365, out of which, the data of 6,23,449 villages has been uploaded on MGMD Portal so far.
- (b) As part of its documentation activities, MGMD, covers a wide range of cultural elements, both tangible and intangible, including oral traditions, beliefs, customs, historical significance, art forms, heritage sites, traditional food, prominent artists, fairs and festivals, traditional dress, ornaments and local landmarks..

(c) The MGMD Programme leads to strengthening of rural identity by creating authentic, village-level cultural profiles that recognise local traditions, practices and heritage assets. It promotes community participation by enabling community-led documentation and crowd-sourced validation through the MGMD Portal. The availability of structured cultural data on a single national portal supports planning for cultural cluster development, heritage tourism and the promotion of traditional skills, thereby contributing to sustainable livelihood generation and rural economic development.

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