

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2679#
ANSWERED ON- 16/03/2026

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

2679#. SHRI CHUNNILAL GARASIYA:
SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:
SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:
SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the advanced technological facilities like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and 5G laboratories approved for creation under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK);
- (b) the mechanisms being adopted by Government to ensure accountability and transparency through digital portals for monitoring the ongoing infrastructure projects;
- (c) whether significant fund has been released for community infrastructure projects in minority-concentrated areas during the Financial Year 2025-26;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by when Government plans to establish the Centres of Excellence for Conservation of Classical Languages and Manuscripts?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for creation of community infrastructure in Minority Concentration Areas across sectors such as education, health, skill development, women-centric projects and other basic amenities.

To strengthen digital skills, research and employment opportunities, the Ministry has approved establishment of high-end technological infrastructure and research facilities at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jalandhar, Punjab. The approved facilities include laboratories and infrastructure relating to 5G and Beyond Technologies, Cyber Security, Mobile Application Development, Smart Classrooms and Electric Vehicles, with a total approved cost of Rs. 39.63 crore.

(b) To ensure accountability and transparency in project implementation, the Ministry has developed a dedicated PMJVK Portal, which provides an end-to-end digital platform for monitoring the entire project lifecycle from proposal submission to approval, fund release and completion. States/UTs upload real-time progress reports, geo-tagged photographs and milestone updates on the portal.

In addition, the NIGRANI Mobile App has been launched to facilitate field-level reporting through geo-tagged photographs and data uploads directly from project sites. These digital platforms enable real-time monitoring, enhance transparency and support timely corrective action wherever required.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. During the financial year 2025-26, the Ministry has released Rs.1,138.88 crore to States/UTs for implementation of projects under PMJVK. The funds are released through the State Nodal Account (SNA) mechanism to facilitate efficient utilization for approved community infrastructure projects.

(e) Four Centres of Excellence for Conservation of Classical Languages and Manuscripts have been approved at University of Mumbai, University of Delhi, Gujarat University and Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya with a total approved cost of Rs. 142.11 crore. These Centres aim to provide facilities for manuscript preservation, research, digitization and documentation, along with development of digital repositories to promote academic research and long-term conservation of classical languages and manuscripts.
