

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3028**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 18/03/2026

**FOREST RIGHTS ACT AND LIVELIHOOD SECURITY**

3028 SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA:  
SHRI RAJIB BHATTACHARJEE:  
SHRI UJJWAL DEORAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Individual Forest Rights (IFR) and Community Forest Rights (CFR) titles distributed since the inception of the "Special Drive" in 2024 to clear the backlog of claims;
- (b) the impact of the Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) in increasing the "Value Addition" of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and the resultant growth in the average annual income of tribal Self Help Groups (SHGs); and
- (c) the success of the "MSP for MFP" scheme in protecting tribal gatherers from middle-men, specifically for high-value items like Mahua, Tamarind and Tendu leaves?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI DURGA DAS UIKEY)

**(a):** From November 2024 onwards till February 2026, a total of **41,095 Individual Forest Rights (IFR) and 8,439 Community Forest Rights (CFR) titles have been distributed** under FRA.

**(b):** TRIFED, on behalf of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing "Pradhan Mantri JanajatiyaVikas Mission (PMJVM)", which provides livelihood generation for the tribal beneficiaries across the country. PMJVM has been designed through the merger of two existing schemes i.e., "Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP" and "Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products/Produce". The scheme is implemented through the State Nodal Departments (SNDs) and State Implementing Agencies (SIAs) in 25 states and 3 UTs across the country. As of now, under the PMJVM scheme, 4,162 VDVKs have been sanctioned, comprising 12,45,032 tribal members. Out of the total sanctioned VDVKs, 2,817 VDVKs have been reported to be operationalized, with reported sales of Rs.15829.88 lakh. The statewise details of VDVKs is at **Annexure-1**.

Additionally, TRIFED has been also establishing PM JANMAN VDVKs on behalf of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya MahaAbhiyan (PM JANMAN) scheme through SNDs and SIAs across the country for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). As on date, 539 VDVKs have been sanctioned, comprising 45,958 members. Out of the total sanctioned VDVKs, 491 VDVKs have been reported to be operational with sales of Rs.532.42Lakh. The state wise details of PM JANMAN VDVK is at **Annexure-2**.

Impact of VDVK program has benefited approximately 12,90,990 members since inception. Through this Yojana, many tribals have gained an understanding of the importance of value addition, packaging, and branding, and have been exposed to various business opportunities, showcasing their own brands. Few States have made recognizable progress by showcasing and establishing their own brand with VDVK Products eg. Shabari Naturals (Maharashtra), Trissam (Assam), Angiya (Nagaland), GCC (Andhra Pradesh), Adisha and TDDCOL (Odisha), Chattisgarh Herbals (Chattisgarh) & Van Sri (Kerala). However, many VDVKs are still in transition to become fully functional.

**(c):** The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) implements the Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce (MSP for MFP) Scheme, under which a Revolving Fund is provided to State Governments to facilitate procurement operations. Through this mechanism, Minimum Support Price is ensured for tribal forest produce gatherers for 87 identified Minor Forest Produce (MFP) items, thereby protecting them from distress sales and exploitation by intermediaries. The list of MFPs/Items and their MSP rates notified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs under the scheme MSP for MFPs is at **Annexure-3**. Under the Revolving Fund component, an amount of Rs.32,215.54 lakh has been released to the States for procurement of 87 identified MFP items, against which the total procurement value reported by States stands at Rs.69,398.28 lakh. Major commodities procured include De-seeded Tamarind (Rs.1,805.71 lakh), Seeded Tamarind (Rs.23,159.75 lakh), and Mahua Flower (Rs.3,339.75 lakh), as reported by the States.

## Annexure-1

Annexure-1 referred to in reply to part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3028 regarding “Forest Rights Act and livelihood security” to be answered on 18.03.2026:

**State wise details of VDVKs under Pradhan Mantri JanajatiyaVikas Mission (PMJVM)**

Sl. No.	State/UT	VDVK Details		No of VDVKs Operational till date	Sales Till Date (Rs. In Lakhs)
		No. of VDVKs sanctioned	Total No. of Beneficiaries		
1	Andhra Pradesh	415	123258	368	419.26
2	Arunachal Pradesh	106	32897	93	130.01
3	Assam	532	162469	359	1623.36
4	Chhattisgarh	139	41700	132	2819.6
5	Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	1	302	1	0.54
6	Goa	10	3000	1	11
7	Gujarat	200	57968	31	16.8
8	Himachal Pradesh	4	1110	3	38.71
9	Jammu & Kashmir	100	29791	0	0
10	Jharkhand	146	43701	21	44.03
11	Karnataka	140	41748	69	113.03
12	Kerala	44	12038	39	83.24
13	Ladakh	10	3000	3	2.02
14	Madhya Pradesh	126	37860	121	353.48
15	Maharashtra	279	83850	65	412.77
16	Manipur	207	62,226	200	635.08
17	Meghalaya	169	50835	39	40.54
18	Mizoram	286	84268	251	411.68
19	Nagaland	347	104068	264	2926.77
20	Odisha	170	50094	152	2563.20
21	Rajasthan	505	152362	452	1749.08
22	Sikkim	80	23801	60	23.77
23	Tamil Nadu	8	2400	8	266.22
24	Telangana	17	5100	17	1014.43
25	Tripura	57	16116	50	94.92
26	Uttar Pradesh	25	7238	6	6.10
27	Uttarakhand	12	3605	12	30.24
28	West Bengal	27	8227	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>4162</b>	<b>1,245,032</b>	<b>2817</b>	<b>15829.88</b>

**Annexure-2**

**Annexure-2 referred to in reply to part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3028 regarding “Forest Rights Act and livelihood security” to be answered on 18.03.2026:**

**State wise details of VDVks under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)**

Sl. No.	State / District	VDVK Details		Operational VDVks	Sales in Lakhs (Till date)
		VDVK Sanctioned	Beneficiaries		
1	A &N	1	56	1	0.46
2	Andhra Pradesh	73	6,162	73	22.50
3	Chhattisgarh	16	2395	16	203.54
4	Gujarat	21	1,050	21	35.61
5	Jharkhand	35	2,876	35	17.13
6	Maharashtra	40	3,624	40	65.48
7	Manipur	2	600	2	0.92
8	Telangana	25	1,461	25	13.02
9	Tripura	30	2,550	30	12.18
10	Rajasthan	51	8,842	51	8.20
11	Karnataka	33	1,836	21	22.13
12	Kerala	7	537	7	0.97
13	Madhya Pradesh	83	5,091	83	13.72
14	Odisha	66	5,244	49	43.31
15	Tamil Nadu	37	2,403	29	69
16	Uttar Pradesh	5	319	3	0.09
17	Uttarakhand	9	634	5	4.16
18	West Bengal	5	278	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>539</b>	<b>45958</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>532.42</b>

## Annexure-3

Annexure-3 referred to in reply to part (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3028 regarding "Forest Rights Act and livelihood security" to be answered on 18.03.2026:

**List of MFPs/Items and their MSP rates notified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs under the scheme MSP For MFPs**

S.No.	Name of MFPs	Rate List of MSP for MFPs notified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI vide Notification dated 1/05/20 (in Rs. Per Kg.)	Rate List of New MSP for MFPs notified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI vide Notification dated 26/05/20 (in Rs. Per Kg.)	Rate List of New MSP for MFPs notified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI vide Notification dated 11/11/20 (in Rs. Per Kg.)	Category F-Forest/MFP A-Agriculture P-Processed M-Medicinal H-Horticulture	Applicability
1	Tamarind (with seeds) (Tamarindus indica)	36			F	All India
2	Wild Honey	225			F	All India
3	Gum Karaya (Sterculia urenus)	114			F	All India
4	Karanj seed (Pongamia pinnata)	22			F	All India
5	Sal seed (Shorea robusta)	20			F	All India
6	Mahua seed (Madhucal longifolia)	29			F	All India
7	Sal leaves (Shorea robusta)	35			F	All India

8	Chironji pods with seeds (Buchanania lanzan)	126			F	All India
9	Myrobalan (Terminalia chebula)	15			F	All India
10	Rangeeni Lac	200			F	All India
11	Kusumi Lac	275			F	All India
12	Kusum seeds (Schleichera oleosa)	23			F	All India
13	Neem seeds (Azadirachta indica)	27			F	All India
14	Puwad seeds (Cassia tora)	16			F	All India
15	Baheda (Terminalia belirica)	17			F	All India
16	Hill Broom Grass (Thysanotena maxima)	50			F	All India
17	Dry Shikakai Pods (Acacia concinna)	50			F	All India
18	Bael pulp (Dried) (Aegle marmelos)	30			F	All India
19	Nagarmotha (Cyperus rotundas)	30			F	All India
20	Shatavari Roots (Dried) (Asparagus racemosus)	107			F	All India
21	Gudmar / Madhunashini (Gymnema sylvestre)	41			F	All India
22	Kalmegh (Andrographis paniculata)	35			F	All India

23	Tamarind (De-seeded) (Tamarindus indica)	63			F	All India
24	Guggul (exudates)	812			F	All India
25	Mahua Flowers (dried) (Madhuca longifolia)	30			F	All India
26	Tejpatta (dried) (Cinnamomum tamala and Cinnamomum sp.)	40			F	All India
27	Jamun dried seeds (Syzygium cumini)	42			F	All India
28	Dried Amla pulp (deseeded) (Phyllanthus emblica)	52			F	All India
29	Marking Nut (Semecarpus acardium)	9			F	All India
30	Soap Nut (dried) (Sapindus emarginatus)	14			F	All India
31	Bhava seed / (Amaltas) (Cassia fistula)	13			F	All India
32	Arjuna Bark (Terminalia arjuna)	21			F	All India
33	Kokum (Dry) (Garcinia indica)	29			F	All India
34	Giloe (Tinospora cordifolia)	40			F	All India
35	Kaunch seed (Mucuna pruriens)	21			F	All India
36	Chirata (Swertia chirayita)	34			F	All India

37	Vaybidding / Vavding (Embeliaribes)	94			F	All India
38	Dhavaiphool dried flowers (Woodfordiaflounda)	37			F	All India
39	Nux Vomica (Strychnos nux vomica)	42			F	All India
40	Ban Tulsi Leaves (dried) (Ocimumtenuiflorum)	22			F	All India
41	Kshirni (Hemidesmus indicus)	35			F	All India
42	Bakul (dried bark) (Mimusops elengii)	46			F	All India
43	Kutaj (dried bark) (Holarrhenapubeszens / H.aniidysenterical)	31			F	All India
44	Noni/Aal (dried fruits) (Morindacitriifolia)	17			F	All India
45	Sonapatha/Syonak pods (Oroxylumindicum)	21			F	All India
46	Chanothi seeds (Abrus precatorius)	45			F	All India
47	Kalihari (dried tubers) (Gloriosa superba)	31			F	All India
48	Makoi (dried fruits) (Solanum nigrum)	24			F	All India
49	Apang plant (Achyranthesaspera)	28			F	All India

50	Sugandhmani roots/ tubers (Homalomena aromatica)	38			F	All India
51	Van Tulsi seeds (Ocimum gratissimum)		16		F	All India
52	Van Jeera (Vernonia anthelmintica)		70		F	All India
53	Tamarind Seed (Tamarindus indica (Seeds))		11		F	All India
54	Bamboo Brooms (Thysanotus maxima)		60		F	All India
55	Dry Anola (Phyllanthus emblica (Dry))		60		F	All India
56	Kachri Bahada (Terminalia bellerica)		20		P	All India
57	Kachri Hara (Terminalia chebula)		23		P	All India
58	Seed lac (Kerri lac)		677		FP	All India
59	Beetal nut raw (Areca catechu (Raw))		30		A	N.E. States
60	Beetal nut Dry (Areca catechu (Dry))		200		A P	N.E. States
61	Mushroom (Dry) (Agaricus bisporus (dry))		300		A P	N.E. States
62	Black Rice (Oryza sativa L)		100		A	N.E. States
63	Johar Rice (Oryza sativa)		50		A	N.E. States

64	King Chilli (Capsicum chinense Jacq)		300		A	N.E.Stat es
65	Mustard (Brassica nigra)		40		A	N.E.Stat es
66	Raw Cashew (Anacardium occidentale (Raw))		450		A	N.E.Stat es
67	Cashew Nut (Anacardium occidentale (Nut))		800		A P	N.E.Stat es
68	Ginger dry (Zingiber officinale)		50		A P	N.E.Stat es
69	Perilla (Perilla frutescens)		140		A	N.E.Stat es
70	Rosella(Hibiscus sabdariffa)		200		A	N.E.Stat es
71	Nutgall (Rhus chinensis)		150		A	N.E.Stat es
72	Zanthoxylum Dried (Zanthoxylum armatum)		200		A	N.E.Stat es
73	Jack Fruit Seed (Artocarpus heterophyllus(Seeds))		45		A	N.E.Stat es
74	<b>Tassar Cocoon</b>				F/H	<b>Jharkhand</b>
	Reeling Class Grade-I (Specification –When Avg. Shell Weight 1.55 gram and above)			Rs 3200/ Thousand number		
	Un-Reeling Class Grade-I (Specification –When Avg. Shell Weight 1.40 gram and above)			Rs 1500/ Thousand number		

75	Cashes Kernel (Anacardium occidentale)			90	F/P	All India
76	Elephant Apple Dry (Dilleniaindica)			120	F/H	N.E.States
77	Bamboo Shoot (Phyllostachys edulis)			70	F	N.E.States
78	Malkangni Seed (Celastropaniculatus wild)			100	F	All India
79	Mahul Leaves (Bauhinia vahlii)			15	F	Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh & West Bengal
80	Nagod (Vitexnegundo)			20	F	All India
81	Gokhru (Tribulusterrestris)			60	F	All India
82	Pipla / Uchithi (Dried berry) (Piper pedicellatum)			120	F	All India
83	Gamhar / Gamri (Dry bark) (Gmelina arborea)			20	F	N.E.States
84	Oroxylum indicum (Dry bark) (Oroxylum indicum)			40	F	N.E.States
85	Wild Mushroom Dry (Agaricus sp)			400	F	N.E.States
86	Shringraj (Eclipta alba)			18	F/M	All India
87	Tree Moss (Bryophytes)			350	F/P	<b>Karnataka</b>

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