

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2301
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019

VAN DHAN DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

†2301. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop 50,000 Van Dhan Vikas Kendra for the upliftment of tribal people in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(Smt. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram is an initiative targeting livelihood generation for tribal population by harnessing the wealth of forest i.e. Van Dhan. The programme aims to tap into the traditional knowledge and skill sets of tribal people by adding technology and Information Technology for upgradation of output at each stage and to convert the tribal wisdom into a remunerative economic activity. Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram seeks to promote and leverage the collective strength of tribal people to achieve a viable scale.

(b) & (c) Implementation of Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram is through Van Dhan Kendras. Selection of a place for setting up of a Van Dhan Kendra is dependent upon the area's potential and availability of land to be provided by the State Government. The number of Van Dhan Kendras developed depends on the above factors. A National Workshop was held on 28/02/19 for all State Nodal Departments i.e. Tribal Welfare & Forest Departments to sensitize them for implementation of the scheme in the respective States.
