

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1860
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

Van Gram VikasYojna

1860. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRIMATI DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Van Gram Vikas Yojana in various States of the country and the date on which this scheme was started;
- (b) the total number of forest villages situated in conserved areas in various States, Union Territories of the country especially in Maharashtra, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Usmanabad, Parbhani and Ratnagiri Sindhudurg in Maharashtra under Van Gram Vikas Yojana;
- (c) whether the above said villages in various States/UTs have been included under the Van Gram Vikas Yojana and if so, the details thereof and the work undertaken in these villages under the said scheme;
- (d) the details of funds allocated/used during the last three years and in the current year;
- (e) the status of progress and development of villages in the said places during the said period;
- (f) whether the Government has received any proposal for the implementation of Van Gram Vikas Yojana in Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Parliamentary Constituency in Maharashtra; and
- (g) the details of villages under the said States/ UTs likely to be included under the Van Gram VikasYojana?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) &(b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs had implemented a programme from 2005-06 to 2011-12 as a one-time measure for integrated development of forest villages with a view to raise the Human Development Index (HDI) of the inhabitants of the forest villages and for providing basic facilities and services in 2,847 forest villages/habitations that were covered under the scheme spread over twelve States in the country. The programme was implemented as a part of the special Area Programme 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan'. The programme

included infrastructure works relating to basic services and facilities viz., approach roads, healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rain water harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls etc. and activities related to income generation. The number of the forest villages in forest areas and villages inside the core/critical tiger habitat in the country, State-wise, are given at Annexure.

(c) As informed by Maharashtra State Forest Department and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, no proposal for implementation of Van Gram Vikas Yojana has been submitted to the Government of India by these State/UT Governments.

(d) to (g) Question does not arise

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No. 1860 due for reply on 19.12.2022 by Shri Omprakash Bhupalsinh Alias Pawan Rajenimbalkar, Shrimati Delkar Kalaben Mohanbhai, Shri Sanjay Jadhav and Shri Vinayak Raut regarding 'Van Gram Vikas Yojana'

Statement showing number of forest villages in various State/UT

Sl.No	State	Total Number of Villages
1	Assam	499
2	Chhattisgarh	425
3	Goa	52
4	Gujarat	196
5	Himachal Pradesh	0
6	Jharkhand	24
7	Madhya Pradesh	893
8	Meghalaya	23
9	Mizoram	85
10	Odisha	20
11	Tripura	62
12	Uttarakhand	61
13	Uttar Pradesh	13
14	West Bengal	170
15	Lakshadweep	0
Information available for number of villages only for core/critical Tiger Reserve area in the following States		
16	Andhra Pradesh	28
17	Arunachal Pradesh	03
18	Bihar	0
19	Karnataka	102
20	Kerala	0
21	Maharashtra	33
22	Rajasthan	82
23	Tamil Nadu	49
24	Telangana	37
