GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- †592 TO BE ANSWERED ON- 24/07/2023

VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRA (VDVK) IN GUJARAT

†592. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) set up by the Government in Gujarat under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY) during the last three years;
- (b) the number of training sessions organized and number of persons benefited in Gujarat;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any evaluation to assess the effect of this scheme on persons living in tribal areas of Gujarat and the whole rural economy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

- (a): In the State of Gujarat, 116 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) have been sanctioned in the year 2019-20. Subsequently under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM), a proposal to establish 86 more VDVKs has been received from the State of Gujarat which is under examination.
- **(b):** Training of 13,508 beneficiaries in 75 training sessions have been completed.
- (c) & (d): The scheme of PMJVM has been approved in the year 2021-22 only; evaluation to assess the effect of this scheme has not been taken up so far.
