

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2202
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 08.03.2021

VAN DHAN KENDRAS IN CHHATTISGARH

†2202. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the proposals approved by the Government till date to set up Van-Dhan-Kendras and the funds of allocated district-wise to set up these Kendras in Chhattisgarh State;
- (b) the number of Van-Dhn vikas samuh constituted district-wise in Chhattisgarh State and the number of members on self help groups constituted under this scheme; and
- (c) whether the Government is formulating scheme to identify the best performing kendras and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SMT RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) & (b) A total of 1770 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) has so far been sanctioned in 22 States & 1 Union Territory for promotion of tribal entrepreneurship and livelihood generations wherein a total of about 5.27 Lakhs beneficiaries have been associated. This includes 139 VDVKs sanctioned in Chhattisgarh State. Details of District-wise VDVKs sanctioned, funds allocated, VDVK Self Help Groups (SHGs) and number of members of SHGs in Chhattisgarh State is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of District	Number of VDVKs sanctioned	Amount of funds sanctioned (Rs. In lakhs)	Total number of SHGs/ Samuh	Van Dhan Vikas Samuh members
1	Rajnandgaon	7	105	105	2100
2	Kawardha	5	75	75	1500
3	Balod	2	30	30	600
4	Balod Bazar	4	60	60	1200
5	Mhasamud	1	15	15	300
6	Gariyaband	4	60	60	1200

7	Dhamtari	5	75	75	1500
8	Kanker	14	210	210	4200
9	Kondagaon	10	150	150	3000
10	Narayanpur	3	45	45	900
11	Jagdapur	10	150	150	3000
12	Sukma	5	75	75	1500
13	Bijapur	4	60	60	1200
14	Dantewada	5	75	75	1500
15	Bilaspur	3	45	45	900
16	Mungeli	1	15	15	300
17	Marwahi	3	45	45	900
18	Korba	12	180	180	3600
19	Raigarh	10	150	150	3000
20	Sarguja	4	60	60	1200
21	Koria	9	135	135	2700
22	Surajpur	6	90	90	1800
23	Balrampur	7	105	105	2100
24	Jashpur Nagar	4	60	60	1200
Total		139	2070	2085	41700

(c) VDVks are in their initial stage of establishment. Out of 1770 VDVks, 369 VDVks are operational which have made sale of Rs.5.85 Cr. till date. Another 435 VDVks are ready with their business plans which can commence their activities shortly. So far, no such scheme is under consideration of the Ministry for identifying best performing VDVks.
