

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 811**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2022

**Van Gram Vikas Yojna**

811. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

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

- (a) the total number of forest villages located in the protected areas of the country under Van Gram Vikas Yojana in the country, especially in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for implementation of Van Gram Vikas Yojana in Hingoli, Nanded and Yavatmal district of the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and works done in those villages under the said Yojana;
- (d) the details of funds released/used during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the status of progress made and development done in these villages during the said period?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) 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, including Maharashtra, is given at Annexure.
- (b) As informed by Maharashtra State Forest Department, no proposal for implementation of Van Gram Vikas Yojana has been submitted to Government of India by the State Government.
- (c)to(e) Question does not arise.

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**Annexure**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No. 811 due for reply on 07.02.2022 by Shri Hemant Sriram Patil regarding ‘Van Gram Vikas Yojana’**

**Statement showing number of forest villages in various State/UT**

<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Total Number of Villages</b>
1	Assam	499
2	Chhattisgarh	425
3	Goa	52
4	Gujarat	196
5	HimachalPradesh	0
6	Jharkhand	24
7	MadhyaPradesh	893
8	Meghalaya	23
9	Mizoram	85
10	Odisha	20
11	Tripura	62
12	Uttarakhand	61
13	UttarPradesh	13
14	WestBengal	170
15	Lakshadweep	0
<b>Information available for number of villages only for core/critical Tiger Reserve area in the following States</b>		
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

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