"CULTURAL MAPPING OF VILLAGES"

120 Shri Rajesh Verma:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has started cultural mapping of villages in the country;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of such mapping;

(c) the details of villages selected from the State of Bihar particularly from Khagaria parliamentary constituency;

(d) whether Government has any data base for the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the subsequent steps proposed to be taken to protect and promote identified cultures, traditions, art forms, etc., of identified villages?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a)   Yes Sir. The Government of India under the Ministry of Culture has initiated the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM).

(b)   Aims and Objectives of the Project:

• To create awareness about the strengths of cultural heritage and its interface with development and cultural identity.

• Cultural Mapping of 6.5 Lakh villages along with their geographical, demographic profiles, and creative capitals.

• Creation of National Registers of Artists and Art practices.

• Development of a web portal and mobile app to function as a National Cultural Work Place (NCWP).

(c)   The project aims to cover all the inhabited villages of India which is marked as 'village', inthe Census List, 2011 published by the Registrar General and Census

Commissioner of India, including all the inhabited villages of Bihar. Therefore, all the villages of Bihar will be covered under Cultural Mapping. The present status is as under:

(i) Till date out of 45561 villages of Bihar, 36127 number of villages have been covered.

(ii) Further, regarding Khagaria District, as on date, out of 303 villages of Bihar, 262 number of villages have been covered.

(d) Yes, the database is available at Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Web Portal (https://mgmd.gov.in/)which is an open access portal.

(e) The data available at MGMD Web Portal can be used effectively by any Ministry and other Government organization in order to protect and promote the cultures, traditions, art forms, etc., of identified villages.

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