GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *110

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3^{RD} DECEMBER, 2024/ AGRAHAYANA 12, 1946 (SAKA)

VIBRANT VILLAGES PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and salient features of Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) for the development of villages at the northern borders initiated by the Government;

(b) the details of the activities started under VVP along with the villages approved for comprehensive development under it; and

(c) the total amount of funds allocated by the Government for villages located at border?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the house.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.110 FOR ANSWER ON 03.12.2024

Central Government has approved Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 15th February, 2023 for comprehensive development of the select villages in 46 blocks abutting northern border in 19 districts in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and UT of Ladakh.

The Programme envisages focused areas of interventions in the select villages for creation of opportunities for livelihood generation through promotion of tourism & cultural heritage, skill development & entrepreneurship and development of cooperative societies including agriculture/horticulture, cultivation of medicinal plants/herbs etc. The interventions also include providing road connectivity to unconnected villages, village infrastructures, energy including renewable energy, television & telecom connectivity. The objective of the programme is to create sufficient incentives for people to stay on in the selected villages.

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The details of villages covered under the programme are as follows:

States/UT	No of villages
Arunachal Pradesh	455
Sikkim	46
Uttarakhand	51
Himachal Pradesh	75
Ladakh (UT)	35

Under the programme, more than 6800 activities have been undertaken including awareness drive, service delivery camps, training and capacity building activities, health and veterinary camps, fair & festivals and promotion of tourism activities, etc.

The total financial outlay approved for the programme is Rs. 4800 Crore.

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