GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1441
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 13/02/2025

SCHEME FOR THE PROMOTION OF SELF-RELIANCE AND LIVELIHOOD GENERATION

†1441. SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been implemented to promote self-reliance and livelihood generation through agriculture and dairy among the tribal populations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs through its two agencies namely Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) & National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) is promoting self-reliance and livelihood generation among the tribal population by supporting various activities undertaken by them including agriculture and dairy.

Under the scheme of 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)', financial assistance of Rs. 15.00 lakhs is provided by TRIFED to the State Governments for setting up of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs), a cluster of tribal SHGs, which act as the centres of value addition activities of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and non-MFP including agriculture and dairy. TRIFED also facilitates the marketing of tribal products through their offline and online platforms. Till date, 3958 VDVKs have been sanctioned for value addition activities and 114 Tribes India outlets have been set up for marketing activities.

The other agency namely, National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, provides concessional loans to the eligible Scheduled Tribes for undertaking income generation activities in various sectors including agriculture and dairy to promote self-reliance and livelihood among them. During the last five years, an amount of Rs. 1577.12 cr has been disbursed to 6,23,605 tribal beneficiaries under various schemes of NSTFDC.

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