

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5353
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.04.2025

VAN DHAN KENDRAS

†5353. SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA:
SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Van Dhan Kendras established during the last five years and the current year, State-wise, particularly in Rajasthan including Dausa district;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilized during the said period for promoting tribal entrepreneurship;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the impact of establishing Van Dhan Kendras on the livelihood and economic conditions of tribal communities, particularly in the States where forest-based products like honey, medicinal plants and other forest produce are major sources of income and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any special initiatives have been undertaken through Van Dhan Kendras in Dausa district of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any direct benefits have been accrued to the tribal communities of Rajasthan, particularly in the tribal areas of Dausa and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (e) The Ministry is implementing the schemes namely Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) and Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) under which funds are provided to the State Governments, including Rajasthan, for establishment of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) for providing livelihood opportunities and promoting tribal entrepreneurship. As on date, 3959 VDVKs associating 11.83 lakhs beneficiaries have been sanctioned under PMJVM and 506 VDVKs associating 0.43 lakh beneficiaries under PM-JANMAN. These VDVKs have realized a sale of approximately Rs 109 crores till date. Year-wise and state-wise details, including Rajasthan, is available at the following link: <https://trifed.tribal.gov.in/sites/default/files/2025-03/Status%20of%20VDVKs%20as%20on%2028.02.2025.pdf>

No proposals for establishment of VDVKs in Dausa district have been received from the State Government of Rajasthan.
