

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5468
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.04.2025

PRADHAN MANTRI JANJATIYA VIKAS MISSION IN MAHARASHTRA

5468. ADV GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has achieved its goals under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) to promote livelihood opportunities for tribals in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to promote Mahua seeds and other Minor Forest Produce from the tribal districts of Maharashtra; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken any initiatives for promoting and facilitating the livelihood of the tribals of Nandurbar Parliamentary Constituency through PMJVM and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (b) Under the scheme, “Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)”, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds for setting up Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) which are primarily clusters of tribal SHGs formed to reap economies of scale through value addition and marketing of MFPs / non-MFPs. As on 28.02.2025, an amount of Rs. 3,975 lakhs has been sanctioned for establishment of 265 VDVks associating about 79,500 beneficiaries in the State of Maharashtra.

(c) Under the PMJVM scheme, the Ministry also provides revolving funds to State Governments for procurement of Minor Forest Produces (MFPs), including Mahua seeds, at Minimum Support Price (MSP). The list of MFPs for which MSP is provided is given at <https://trifed.tribal.gov.in/sites/default/files/2022-02/List%20of%2087%20MFPs.pdf>.

(d) So far, an amount of Rs. 90.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for establishment of 6 VDVks in Nandurbar District, Maharashtra associating 1800 beneficiaries. Besides, under PMJVM, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED) also undertakes empanelment of tribal artisans, procurement of various tribal products from them for generating livelihood opportunities for tribal communities and undertakes retail marketing of tribal products through TRIBES India Outlets, E-Commerce platforms & Exhibitions like Aadi Mahotsav, Aadi Bazaar etc. So far, 2 tribal suppliers/ producers comprising of SHG & VDVk from Nandurbar of Maharashtra are empanelled with TRIFED.
