

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †560
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

Expansion of Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

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Will the Minister of *Tribal Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and objectives of the expansion of Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan;
- (b) the process for the inclusion of newly notified tribal communities in the existing tribal welfare framework; and
- (c) whether the newly notified tribal communities are likely to be covered under various tribal welfare schemes and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY):

- (a) Hon'ble Prime Minister launched Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan on 2nd October, 2024. The Abhiyan comprises of 25 interventions implemented by 17 line Ministries and aims to saturate infrastructural gaps in 63,843 villages, improve access to health, education, Anganwadi facilities and providing livelihood opportunities benefiting more than 5 crore tribals in 549 districts and 2,911 blocks in 30 States/UTs in 5 years. The Abhiyan targets specific tribal-majority villages with populations of 500 or more, where at least 50% are tribal, and villages, in Aspirational blocks, with at least 50 tribal population. The States have been provided with the list of 63,843 villages, selected as per the selection criteria approved under the Mission. In case the state finds any village has been left out in the list of 63,843, which is otherwise meeting the criteria, the States/UTs are free to send proposal for inclusion of the village under Abhiyan.
- (b) and (c) The newly notified tribal communities are automatically covered under the existing welfare schemes for STs in line with the extant norms / criteria of respective guidelines.
