

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025

National Mission on Cultural Mapping

***118. Shri Dhaval Laxmanbhai Patel:**

Will the Minister of *Culture* be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of tribal communities in Gujarat covered under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping by July 2025;
- (b) whether a dedicated cultural hub or mapping centre is being planned to be set up in Valsad and Dang districts of South Gujarat and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the financial allocations made under the scheme for Promotion of Culture of Scheduled Tribes since 2023?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NUMBER 118 FOR REPLY ON 28.07.2025 REGARDING NATIONAL MISSION ON CULTURAL MAPPING ASKED BYSHRI DHAVAL LAXMANBHAI PATEL:

(a) The Ministry of Culture has established the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM) aimed at preserving, promoting and documenting our rich cultural heritage at the village level and explore the potential of revitalizing the village economies. On the Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar (MGMD), the portal maintained under NMCM, a comprehensive cultural map of Indian villages has been created by recording their unique traditions, crafts, festivals, oral histories, and other tangible and intangible heritage elements. The data on MGMD portal is maintained village wise and not community wise.

In the State of Gujarat, there are a total of 19271 villages out of which 5884 are tribal villages. Out of these, data with respect to 4913 villages have been uploaded on the portal.

(b) No, Sir. However, Valsad and Dang districts fall under the jurisdiction of the Western Zonal Cultural Centre (WZCC), which regularly conducts programmes to promote tribal culture. Notable events include the Dang Darbar Festival in Dang and the 30th Tribal Festival at Anand, dedicated to tribal communities. The Dang Darbar Festival has been documented, and the Rathwani Gher dance has been recommended for UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. WZCC also features tribal communities like Rathwa, Mewasi, Daang, and Siddi in major festivals.

(c) There is no scheme titled 'Promotion of Culture of Schedule Tribes'. However, the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM) has received financial support under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) for the protection, preservation, and promotion of tribal culture. The year-wise allocation under the DAPST for NMCM since 2022-23 is as follows:

Financial Year	Allocation (₹in crore)
2022-23	2.61
2023-24	2.80
2024-25	2.80
2025-26	8.07