

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2064**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND SELF EMPLOYMENT FOR TRIBAL YOUTH**

**2064. SHRI RAM SHIROMANI VERMA:**

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has covered Tharu tribal youth living in the aspirational districts like Shravasti and Balrampur under any specific schemes for self-employment and skill development and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether programmes such as 'Van Dhan Yojana', 'TRIFED' and 'Van Dhan Kendras' have been implemented in these districts and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of youths to whom training/financial assistance has been provided under such programmes;
- (d) whether there is any mechanism in place for establishing market linkage or marketing of tribal products under these programmes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, whether there is any proposal to expand the scope under these programmes to include such initiatives in the future and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the scheme Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) through Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED) to facilitate and promote livelihood opportunities and entrepreneurship in the tribal population. So far, TRIFED has sanctioned 4105 VDVks associating 12,37,282 members across the country. In Uttar Pradesh, 25 VDVks have been sanctioned which cover 7328 beneficiaries.

(d) and (e) Under PMJVM TRIFED also undertakes empanelment of tribal artisans, procurement of various tribal products from them for generating livelihood opportunities for tribal communities and provides toolkits, machinery and training to facilitate primary and secondary-level processing, thereby strengthening the backward linkages for tribal artisans. It undertakes retail marketing of tribal products through its TRIBES India Outlets, E-Commerce platforms like Amazon, ONDC, Flipkart etc. and Exhibitions like Aadi Mahotsav, Aadi Bazaar etc., thereby providing forward linkages to the open market. As a part of these activities TRIFED has empaneled 01 supplier belonging to Tharu Tribe in Balrampur district associated with 10 families for supply of tribal products.

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