

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2323
ANSWERED ON 04/08/2025

SETTING UP OF VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRAS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is one of the States that have highest Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs);
- (b) if so, the details of the work done by the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) to uplift the PVTGs along with the manner in which Tribal Cooperation Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) is helping NIESBUD and IIE to implement the programmes/schemes;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up 500 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras in the country; and
- (d) if so, the number of such Kendras are proposed to set up in Andhra Pradesh and the number of tribal women beneficiaries trained since inception of the scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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(a) to (d): As reported by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), the State of Andhra Pradesh with Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) population of 5,18,997 is among the States having higher number of PVTGs.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through its autonomous Institutes, namely, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati (IIE) is implementing the skilling and entrepreneurship component of Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyaan (PM JANMAN) – a scheme of Ministry of Tribal Affairs for upliftment of PVTGs, since March 2024. The scheme focuses on 11 critical interventions related to 9 key Ministries including MSDE.

One of the key interventions of the Ministry is facilitating skill and entrepreneurship developments in Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs). The project is being implemented

with support of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) in 15 States across the country under which a total of 500 VDVks are to be set up.

As of 29.07.2025, a total of 405 VDVks have been established under the project out of 500 VDVks and 37,161 beneficiaries have been trained of which 31,560 are women. In the state of Andhra Pradesh, 73 VDVks have been established out of the total target of 73 VDVks and 5,950 candidates have been trained, of which 5,109 are women.

The state-wise status of the VDVks operational and training programmes under PM JANMAN, including the State of Andhra Pradesh, is as under:

Sl. No.	State	Total Target VDVK	VDVK Operational	Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP)		EDP Total
				Male	Female	
1	Andhra Pradesh	73	73	841	5109	5950
2	Chhattisgarh	16	16	39	2356	2395
3	Gujarat	21	21	751	299	1050
4	Jharkhand	35	35	255	2567	2822
5	Karnataka	32	2	192	976	1168
6	Kerala	5	5	269	156	425
7	Madhya Pradesh	83	49	958	3245	4203
8	Maharashtra	40	40	1776	1848	3624
9	Odisha	43	43	46	2279	2325
10	Rajasthan	50	50	0	8659	8659
11	Tamil Nadu	37	8	0	797	797
12	Telangana	25	25	469	992	1461
13	Uttar Pradesh	5	3	0	266	266
14	Uttarakhand	5	5	0	314	314
15	Tripura	30	30	5	1697	1702
	Total	500	405	5601	31560	37161
