

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1169**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

**‘MERA GAON MERI DHAROHAR’ PROGRAMME**

**1169.** SHRI SHASHANK MANI:  
SMT. ANITA SUBHADARSHINI:  
SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:  
SHRI MAHESH KASHYAP:  
SHRI AVIMANYU SETHI:  
SHRI HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI MITESH PATEL BAKABHAI:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing "Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar" (MGMD) programme across the nation;
- (b) if so, whether this scheme has been launched in West Champaran district of Bihar in view of many cultural heritage which requires uploading on MGMD portal;
- (c) the total number of villages targeted for cultural mapping across the country under the 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' (MGMD) Programme and the number of villages for which data has been uploaded on the MGMD web portal so far;
- (d) the types of cultural elements and heritage components being documented under the initiative;
- (e) the details in which this programme is expected to strengthen rural identity, promote community participation and support local economic development; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to take up cultural mapping of additional villages in Odisha, particularly in Bhadrak and Balasore districts, and if so, the details of progress made and the expected timeline for completion?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes sir.
- (b) Yes Sir, details of all 1237 Villages of the West Champaran district of Bihar have been mapped and uploaded on the MGMD Portal.

- (c) Under the Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar (MGMD) Programme, 6,38,365 villages have been identified for cultural mapping across the country. Out of these, details of 6,23,449 villages have been uploaded on the MGMD Portal so far.
- (d) As part of its documentation activities, MGMD, covers a wide range of cultural elements, both tangible and intangible, including oral traditions, beliefs, customs, historical significance, art forms, heritage sites, traditional food, prominent artists, fairs and festivals, traditional dress, ornaments and local landmarks.
- (e) The MGMD Programme leads to strengthening of rural identity by creating authentic, village-level cultural profiles that recognise local traditions, practices and heritage assets. It promotes community participation by enabling community-led documentation and crowd-sourced validation through the MGMD Portal. The availability of structured cultural data on a single national portal supports planning for cultural cluster development, heritage tourism and the promotion of traditional skills, thereby contributing to sustainable livelihood generation and rural economic development.
- (f) Under the MGMD Programme, the Ministry of Culture has undertaken cultural mapping of villages in Odisha, under which 47,209 villages have been mapped so far. Details of all 998 villages of Bhadrak district have been mapped and uploaded on the MGMD Portal. Similarly, details of all 2,798 villages of Balasore district have been mapped and uploaded on the MGMD portal.

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