

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 25
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.01.2026

TRANSFORMING VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRA

25. SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL:

MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:

ADV GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in transforming Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) into Van Dhan Producer Enterprises (VDPEs) nationally and in Maharashtra to boost income and create Atmanirbhar tribal businesses since its commencement year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the number of such enterprises against legal status granted and revenue generated as of 2025, State-wise including in Maharashtra;

(c) whether any Minor Forest Produce (MFP) value-addition activities were carried out at these VDVKs during the last five years; and

(d) the details of the number of total tribal beneficiaries under VDVKs and transformed VDPEs in the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (TRIBAL AFFAIRS)

(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) & (b) : The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) scheme through Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) under which financial support is provided for establishment of Van Dhan Producer Enterprises (VDPEs), which are clusters of nearby Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) to further boost the income of tribals. However, no complete proposals have been received at TRIFED from any States/UTs, including Maharashtra, for the transformation of Van Dhan Producer Enterprises (VDPEs) from the existing Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs).

(c) & (d): In the last five years, an amount of Rs. 4095 lakhs have been sanctioned to the State of Maharashtra for establishment of 279 VDVKs associating 83,850 members under PMJVM scheme. Additionally, under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) Scheme, Rs. 181.20 lakh has been sanctioned to Maharashtra for setting up of 40 VDVKs associating 3,624 members.

MFP value addition activities are actively taking place at most of the operational VDVKs in Maharashtra for products such as Mahua(Laddu, Chikki and oil), Tamarind(Cake and Pickle), Harra(Churan and Dry powder), Bamboo(Furnitures, Pickle, Wine, Broom, Mug, Cup, ring etc)
