

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No 4895
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026

NATIONAL MISSION ON CULTURAL MAPPING AND ROADMAP

4895. MR PATHAN YUSUF:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) the reasons for over 93 percent underutilisation of funds in the National Mission on Cultural Mapping and Roadmap (NMC MR) shown in Revised estimate (RE) 2025-26 as compared to Budget Estimate (BE) 2025-26;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised under the NMC MR since inception of the scheme, year-wise;
- (c) the details of total number of villages targeted for mapping in the country under NMC MR, particularly in West Bengal; and
- (d) the details of total number of villages mapped till date under NMC MR, particularly in West Bengal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar is the key focus under National Mission on Cultural Mapping and Roadmap and, in order to further strengthen the coverage and authenticity of data, a collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been initiated during the current financial year for collection, sanitisation, validation and integration of data through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) via Gram Sabhas across the country. This convergence with the existing institutional mechanisms of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has reduced the requirement of funds under the Mission, resulting in savings in Government expenditure in the current Financial Year 2025-26.
- (b) The year-wise details of the funds allocated and utilised under the NMC MR since scheme inception are placed at Annexure I.
- (c) Under NMC MR, approximately 6.38 lakh villages are targeted for mapping across States/UTs. Of these, 41,116 villages are targeted in West Bengal.

- (d) As per available data on the MGED Portal, approximately 6.23 lakh villages have been mapped so far. Mapping, data updation and validation under NMCM is a continuous process. In West Bengal, 40,429 villages out of the targeted 41,116 villages have been mapped.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4895 asked on 23th March, 2026, regarding 'National Mission on Cultural Mapping and Roadmap'

Financial Year	Fund Allocated (₹ in lakh)	Total Expenditure (₹ in lakh)
2017-18	2000.00	55.72
2018-19	3000.00	17.44
2019-20	1278.00	101.56
2020-21	420.00	209.06
2021-22	412.00	99.28
2022-23	1913.00	1894.38
2023-24	1982.00	1971.71
2024-25	1806.00	738.79
2025-26	2246.00	205.50
