

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.† 2588
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2016

GRAM VIKAS YOJANA

† 2588. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of forest villages located in reserved areas in the country under Gram Vikas Yojana, State-wise;
- (b) the amount wise details of the funds sought by the State Governments for development works in the said villages during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned the said amount; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/year –wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tribal Affairs had implemented a programme for development of forest villages since 2005-06 as a one-time measure for integrated development of forest villages with a view to raise the Human Development Index (HDI) of the inhabitants of the forest villages and for providing basic facilities and services in the 2,474 forest villages/habitations spread over twelve States in the country. The programme was implemented as a part of the Special Area Programme 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan'. The programme included infrastructure works relating to basic services and facilities viz., approach roads, healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rain water harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls etc. and activities related to income generation. A statement showing the State-wise number of forest villages/habitations in various parts of the country, covered under the aforesaid programme, is at **Annexure-I**. No fund has been released during 12th Five Year Plan period (2012-13 till date).

ANNEXURE-I**Annexure as referred to in the reply at part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
No. 2588 for 14.03.2016****Statement showing total no. of forest villages/ habitations in various states**

S.N.	States	Total No. of Villages
1	Assam	499
2	Chhattisgarh	425
3	Gujarat	199
4	Jharkhand	24
6	Madhya Pradesh	893
5	Meghalaya	23
7	Mizoram	85
8	Odisha	20
9	Tripura	62
10	Uttarakhand	61
11	Uttar Pradesh	13
12	West Bengal	170
Total		2,474