

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2462
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PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM IN KERALA

2462. SMT. P. T. USHA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of projects sanctioned and funds allocated by Government for Kerala between 2020 to 2022 under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), that is designed to address the development deficit of minority-concentrated areas;
- (b) if so, whether the objectives of the scheme including improvement in the quality of life of the people, reduction of imbalances in minority-concentrated areas and to create infrastructure have been achieved;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) details of projects that have been completed in Kerala State under the scheme and that are ongoing for the last three years and current year?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) The Government implements various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, specially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development. Ministry of Minority Affairs specifically implements various schemes across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities.

Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), a total of 19 community infrastructure projects with total projects cost Rs. 129.93 Crore have been approved during the year 2020-21 to 2022-23 in the State of Kerala.

(b) & (c) The Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) was restructured and implemented with effect from May, 2018, so as to reduce gaps, if any, in the socio-economic parameters in 1300 identified areas of the country. An evaluation study of PMJVK conducted by the NITI Aayog in the year 2020-2021, observed that the scheme was helpful in bridging the development deficit in the identified areas of the country and had contributed in up-gradation of school infrastructure, providing additional classrooms, new hostels, Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), polytechnics, skill training centres, etc. The restructuring of the programme in the year 2018-19 has brought in significant improvement with a greater focus on women-centric projects. It was, inter alia, recommended by the NITI Aayog to increase coverage of the scheme, to ensure that projects should reach the minority communities across all States/UTs.

(d) In the State of Kerala, 41 projects/ units have been approved under PMJVK during the last three years i.e. 2019-20 to 2021-22 and current year 2022-23. As per the information submitted by the State Government from time to time, 4 projects/ units have been completed and work is ongoing in 14 projects/units. Work has not started in 23 projects/ units.
