

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2216
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 19/03/2025

VAN DHAN KENDRAS

2216 SHRI HARIS BEERAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Van Dhan Kendras established under the Van Dhan Vikas Yojana as of 2025;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilised for promoting tribal entrepreneurship through this scheme during last year; and
- (c) the impact of the scheme on tribal livelihoods and income levels, based on Government assessments?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry does not implement any program by the name of Van Dhan Vikas Yojana at present, but is implementing the schemes namely Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) and Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) under which funds are provided to the State Governments for establishment of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) for providing livelihood opportunities and promoting tribal entrepreneurship. As on date, 3959 VDVKs have been sanctioned under PMJVM and 506 VDVKs under PM-JANMAN. During last financial year 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 8155.25 lakhs have been sanctioned for establishment of 905 VDVKs. These VDVKs have realized a sale of approximately Rs 109 crores till date.
