

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1375
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023

MERA GAON MERI DHAROHAR

1375. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:
SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:
SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Project;
- (b) the number of villages connected through this project across the country and particularly in the North Eastern region;
- (c) the time line to achieve the target connectivity;
- (d) whether all villages are to be connected under the scheme or villages shall be selected on the basis of certain criterion; and
- (e) the budget allocated for the project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT
OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) The Government of India has decided to map and document all villages under Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar (MGMD) Programme. A web portal on MGMD has also been launched on 27.07.2023. The MGMD seeks to compile comprehensive information detailing the life, history, and ethos of Indian villages and to make the same available to virtual and real-time visitors. Under the MGMD, information is collected under seven broad categories as given below-

- Arts and Crafts Village
- Ecologically Oriented Village
- Scholastic Village linked with Textual and Scriptural Traditions of India
- Epic Village linked with Ramayana, Mahabharata and/or Puranic legends and oral epics
- Historical Village linked with Local and National History
- Architectural Heritage Village

Any other characteristic that may need highlighting, such as fishing village, horticulture village, shepherding village etc.

(b) The project aims to cover all the inhabited villages of India which are marked as 'village', in the Census List, 2011 published by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, including villages of the North Eastern region.

(c) The targeted date for achieving connectivity is 31st March 2026.

(d) The villages are as per the Census List, 2011 published by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.

(e) The Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Project is a component of the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM). The Total approved budget of the National Mission on Cultural Mapping is Rs. 89.99 Crore for the five years i.e. 2021-26.
