

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 516**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024/ MAGHA 17, 1945 (SAKA)**

**VIBRANT VILLAGES PROGRAMME**

**†516. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government proposes to launch Vibrant Villages Programme in the country and if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether border villages with sparse population, limited connectivity and infrastructure will be covered under the said new programme and if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the Government has proposed to link existing schemes related to the development of border villages with the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) the details of the funds estimated and target set for the said programme;**

**(e) the number of villages likely to be transformed within Maharashtra under the said programme; and**

**(f) the other steps being taken by the Government for the development of village infrastructure, housing, tourist centres, road connectivity, provisioning of decentralized renewable energy and support for creation of livelihood?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK)**

**(a) to (f): Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) has been launched as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for comprehensive development of select villages in 46 blocks in 19 districts abutting northern border in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and UT of Ladakh having sparse population, limited connectivity and infrastructure. At present, 662 villages have been identified for coverage on priority. Approved financial outlay for VVP for the Financial Years 2022-23 to 2025-26 is ₹4800 crore.**

**For development of village infrastructure and creation of livelihood opportunities in the select villages, the programme also envisages convergence of existing Central Sector Schemes, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Schemes in identified focused areas of intervention viz. (i) Economic Growth – Livelihood generation (ii) Road Connectivity (iii) Housing & Village Infrastructure (iv) Energy including renewable energy through Solar and Wind power (v) Television & Telecom Connectivity including setting up of IT enabled Common Service Centre in the village (vi) Regeneration of eco-system (vii) Promotion of tourism & culture (viii) Financial inclusion (ix) Skill development & entrepreneurship (x) Development of co-operative societies for managing livelihood opportunities including agriculture/horticulture, cultivation of medicinal plants/herbs etc.**

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