

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF VILLAGE RESOURCE CENTRES BY ISRO  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has set up Village Resource Centres (VRCs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the benefits that are likely to accrue as a result thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a)&(b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has so far set up 385 Village Resource Centres (VRCs) in the country. The state-wise details are; Andhra Pradesh - 34; Assam -12; Bihar - 19; Delhi - 2; Gujarat -15; Jharkhand - 26; Karnataka - 46; Kerala - 21; Madhya Pradesh - 23; Maharashtra -19; Meghalaya -1; Nagaland -7; Orissa - 44; Rajasthan - 20; Tamil Nadu & Puducherry -37; Uttarakhand -17; Uttar Pradesh - 28; West Bengal -10 and Andaman & Nicobar Islands - 4.

(c) The benefits that are likely to accrue as result thereof include, advisories on agriculture, livestock, fisheries, land and water resources management; skill development; vocational training; health care services and supplementary education; ultimately leading to improved quality of life.