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DEVELOPMENT OF MODEL VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to chalk out a programme to develop the model villages for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe communities in the country, State-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the villages identified for the purpose, particularly in Mehsana, Rajkot, Surat, Amreli in Gujarat and Bharuch, Baitul, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) the salient features of the programme and funds allocated for the same during each of the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include more villages in the said programme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Madam, Department of Science and Technology has been implementing a multi-location Coordinated Programme on Resource Management and Development for the Empowerment of Scheduled Castes in different parts of the country through the input of Science and Technology (S & T) since 2007. This programme of demonstrative nature is being implemented at pilot scale which is essentially for skill upgradation and capacity building of Scheduled Caste community in traditional as well as new emerging areas leading towards improved quality of life and for better livelihoods options through appropriate S & T interventions. As such programme is restricted to S & T intervention needs which may contribute to develop model villages in holistic way which require also other support services in terms of infrastructure development like transport and communication etc. The villages covered under this coordinated programme, so far, are Chhamroli, Sinota, Dharamchuk, Bagath, Chakarpur, Matela and Rajpura in Uttarkhand; Majhas and Kalol in Himachal Pradesh; Tal in Jammu & Kashmir; Kadinamkulam, Kottukal, Veliyathu Nadu, Chittadi, Cherichil, Paruthikkad, Mundur and Puthupariyaram in Kerala; Illayanainarkulam and Edumalai in Tamil Nadu and Tummalapalli and Miyalavaripalem in Andhra Pradesh; Bhadra, At. Jehangirpura, Gopal Pura, Vadod in Gujarat; Bedla and Digod in Rajasthan; Dhyarigaon, Nalwadi, Wardha, Dharni, in Maharashtra; and Morena, Bagh Mugalia, Sohagpu, Machla in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The salient features of the programme is to develop / adapt appropriate locally available resource based technologies for employment and improvement of the quality of life of scheduled castes in rural areas for transformation and economic development. No specific budget has been allocated for this programme. On an average every year around one hundred and fifty lakh rupees are sanctioned under this programme.

(d) Yes, Madam.

(e) The department has already initiated the programme for those villages which are predominately inhabited by Scheduled Caste community in the states of Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa.

(f) Does not arise.