

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3302  
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VILLAGE RESOURCE CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up satellite linked Village Resource Centres (VRCs) in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details including the villages identified for the purpose, State-wise;
- (c) the funds earmarked for each village during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the number of virtual class rooms functioning in the country as on date; and
- (e) the benefits that are likely to accrue as a result thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a) Yes, Madam
- (b) 473 Village Resource Centres have been set up so far by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in association with selected NGOs, Trusts and Government departments in the following states: Andhra Pradesh (34); Assam (13); Bihar (19); Delhi (2); Gujarat (15); Jharkhand (26); Himachal Pradesh (30); Karnataka (58); Kerala (21); Madhya Pradesh (24); Maharashtra (18); Meghalaya (1); Nagaland (8); Orissa (44); Rajasthan (21); Sikkim (19); Tamil Nadu & Puducherry (58); Uttarakhand (18); Uttar Pradesh (30); West Bengal (10) and Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- (b). State-wise details are given in Annexure.
- (c) The funds earmarked for each Village Resource Centre (VRC) by ISRO during the last 3 years is essentially the one-time cost of setting up the VRC, which is of the order of Rs. 4.50 lakhs. The building for housing the VRCs and their day-to-day operation are taken care by the associating agencies.
- During the current year also, the tentative allocation of funds for each VRC remains at the same level and their locations are not yet worked out.
- (d) The number of virtual class rooms functioning in the country is around 52,000.
- (e) The benefits that are likely to accrue as a 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 an improved quality of life.

**ANNEXURE**

(Locations given in bold letters are Expert Centres/ Hospitals set up under VRC network)

State    District    Block/ Taluk    Village -    where VRC is set up

Andhra Pradesh

(26 VRCs + 8 Expert Mahabubnagar Adakal Moosapet Centres/Hospitals)

Adilabad Indervelly Indervelly  
Asifabad Asifabad  
Tiriyanri Tiriyanri

Chittoor Palamaner Palamaner  
Punganur Punganur  
Kuppam Kuppam

West Godavari Tadepalligudem Marampalli  
Iragavaram Goturu  
Peravali Kakaraparru

East Godavari Razole Dindi  
Sakhnetipalli Sakhnetipalli Lanka  
P. Gannavaram Ganti Pedapudi  
Ravulapalem Ithakota  
Uppalaguptam N. Kothappilli  
Katrenenikona Palamkuru  
Mummidivaram Chinakotha Lanka  
Polavaram Yedurulanka  
Kothapet Vadapalem  
Atreyapuram Lolla

Guntur Pitlavari Palem Kazi Palem  
Karlapalem Karlapalem

Krishna Kalinindi Pothumarri

Nalgonda Choutuppal Choutuppal  
Narayanpur Narayanpur  
Chityal Chityal  
Pochampally Bhoodhan -Swamy Ramanda  
Tirtha Rural Institute

Hyderabad Hyderabad Patancheru-ICRISAT  
Rajendra Nagar -ANGR Agricultural University

Jeeditmetla - Byrraju Foundation

Uppal - DHAN Foundation

Nizam Institute of Medical Asciences

L V Prasad Eye Hospital

NRSC

## Assam

(10 VRCs + 3 Expert  
Centres) Sibsagar Khowang, Sonari/Moran, Moran  
Khaldoighugura

Dibrugarh Lahowal/ Modarkhat, Lahowal Lahowal

Jorhat Baghchung/ Katani Mariani  
Jorhat Assam Agricultural University

Lakhimpur Lakhimpur , Kumargaon/ Nakari Lakhimpur

Odalguri Bhergaon/ Paneri Paneri

Sonitpur Balipara, Bihaguri/ Haleswar, Bindukuri  
Bahbari,  
Bihali,Baghmara/ Bihali Borgang

Sibsagar Sonari/ Sonari Sonari

Tinsukia Kakopathar/ Doomdooma Doomdooma  
Margherita/ Makum Margherita

Guwahati Guwahati ABITA Gramin Krishi Unnayan Prakalpa  
Guwahati Medical College Hospital

Bihar Banka Katoria Katoria

(17 VRCs + 2 Expert  
Centre/ Hospitals) Chanan Chanan  
Bounsi Sewapuri

Katihar Pranpur Pranpur

Nawada Kawakol Kawakol  
Hisua TARA Kendra Hisua

Patna Maner Maner

Madhubani Beripathi Narhi  
Phulpras Jagatpur  
Kakhsaur Dayakharwar  
Ghoghardiha Anand Nagar

Saran Parsa Anjani  
Nalanda Islampur Jaikrishna Nagar  
Harnaut Chandi More

Bhagalpur Navgachia Navgachia

Vaishali Andhrayhari Birjan Market

East Champaran Mehsi Mehsi  
Raxaul Duncan Hospital, Raxaul

Samstipur Samstipur Rajendra Agriculture University, Pusa

Delhi

(1 Expert Centre + Delhi Delhi DA Hq  
1 Hospital) Noida- Fortis Hospital

Gujarat

(11 VRCs + 4 Expert Ahmedabad Ahmedabad Gujarat Vidyapeeth  
Centre/ Hospitals) SAC  
Ahmedabad Central Jail  
Gandhinagar Bhat - Apollo Hospital

Anand Anand Chikodara/Mogar  
Extension Education  
Anand Agricultural Univ

Kutchh Bhachau Shamakhiyali  
Bhuj Bhuj, K-Link , Kutch Nav Nirman Abhiyan  
Khawda  
Rapar Adesar  
Anjar Dudhai

Patan Santalpur Dhokawada

Surendranagar Patadi Kharagoda

Vadodara Sankheda Bodali

Kheda Nadiad Pij

Himachal Pradesh

(28 VRCs + 2 Expert Shimla Nerwa Nerwa  
Centres/Hospitals) Chopal Chopal  
Theog Theog

Bilaspur Sadar Barmana

Lakhanpur

Solan Bandh Bandh

Rajgarh Rajgarh

Arki Sayawena

Darlaghat

Sirmour Ponta Sahib Kaffota

Andheri

Sarhan Katli

Una Una Nari

Bilaspur Jhandutta Berthin

Ghumarwin Kuthera

Kangra Dharamshala Chilgari

Sidhbbari

Khundian Khundian

Mandi Sadar Behna

Karsog Karsog

Padher Thaltukhod

Kullu Sanz Dhaman

Shimla New Shimla Himachal Pradesh Voluntary Health Association

Kinnaur Kalpa KV, Reckong Peo

Shimla Rohru KV, Rohru

Kangra Nurpur RHRS, Jacch

Shimla Mashobra RHRS Mashobra

Kullu Kullu RHRS, Bajaura

Hamirpur Hamirpur RHFRS, Bhota

Solan Nauni Directorate of Extension  
Education, Y.S. Parmar Uty.

Jharkhand

(22 VRCs + 4 Expert Bokaro Chandankiari Jharna  
Centres/Hospitals)

Chaibasa Saranda Bokna

Deogarh Sarwan Madhuadiah  
Devipur Devipur

Dumka Jama Jama

East Singbhook Patamda Gobarghusi

Giridih Pirtanr Chirki

Godda Kathikund Kathikund

Gumla Bishnupur Bishnupur

Hazaribagh Chouparan Bahera  
Katkamsandi Banadag  
Patratu Pali

Jamtara Narayanpur Madhuadiah (Narayanpur)

Lohardaga Sadar Lohardaga

Pakur Littiapara Littipara

Palamu Palamu Kajri

Seraikella Rajnagar Rajnagar

Ranchi Angara Angara  
Barwatoli

Murhu Gutigara

Bero Lamkana, Eta

Burmu Chapatoli

Ranchi Bariatu, Society for Rural Industrialisation  
Rukka -Krishi Gram Vikas Kendra  
Rajendra Institute of Medical Science  
Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Morabadi

Karnataka

(51 VRCS +7 Expert Centres/ Hospitals) Bangalore Magadi Sugganahalli  
Rural Doddaballapur Thubagere

Bagalkote Badami Nandikeshwar

Bellary Koodlagi Hudem

Belgaum Khanapur Ashoka Nagara

Bidar Basavakalyana Kohinur

Bijapur Bijapur Kannura

Chamarajanagar Yelandur Gumballi  
BR Hills

Kollegal Hanur  
Ramapura

Chamarajanagar KVK, Hardanahalli  
District Hospital

Chitradurga Chellakere Nayakanahatti  
Hiriyur Dindavara  
KVK, Hiriyur  
Holalkere H D Pura  
Malladihalli  
Chickajajur

Chitradurga District Hospital

Kodagu Virajpet Shreemangala  
Forestry College,  
Ponnampet

Davanagere Jagalur Mallapura  
Davanagere Taralabalu KVK,  
Shamanur  
Chennagiri Extension Unit,  
Kathalagere

Dakshin Kannada Mangalore KVK, Kankanady

Dharwad Kalaghattagi Galigi Hulakoppa

Gadag Rone Hirehal

Gulbarga Gulbarga Kamlapur  
Chincholi Chincholi

Karwar Joyida Castle Rock

Kolar Bangarpet Kamasamudram  
Budikote

Malur Thorlakki  
Dinnhalli

Gowribidanur Idaguru  
Chintamani KVK, Chintamani

Koppal Ganagawati Anegundi

Mysore TN Pura T Narasipura  
Hunsur Hunsur  
KR Nagar KR Nagar  
Nanjanagudu KVK, Suttur  
Mysore EEU, Naganahalli  
Nanjangud Road -  
Technology Resource Centre (TRC)

Raichur Raichur Chandrabanda

Tumkur Sira Pattanayakanahalli  
Pavagada ORP, Pavagada  
Tiptur KVK, Konehalli

Udupi Udupi KVK, Brahmavar

Hassan Hassan KVK, Kandali

Mandyā Mandyā KVK, VC Farm

Chikmagalur Mudigere KVK, Mudigere

Shimoga Shimoga KVK, Navile

Bangalore Anekal DATC, RK Sala  
Urban

Bangalore Bangalore Domlur - MYRADA

RRSSC, Banasankari

Bio Resource Complex,  
University of Agriculture Sciences,

Narayana Hrudayalaya

Kerala

(12 VRCs + 9 Expert Centres/Hospitals) Kollam Karunagapally Amritapuri  
Centres/Hospitals Puthiyakavu  
Amrita School of Engg., Clappana

Kollam Parippally

Munnar Munnar Antoniar Colony

Wayanad Kalpetta Meppadi  
Kainatty  
Kalpetta

Manathavady Manathavady  
District Hospital  
Arattuthura  
Sultan Battery Sultan Battery  
Noolpuzha  
Kalpetta Chundale -  
Coffee Research Station  
Andoor - Krishi Vigyan Kendra,

Thrissur Thrissur Mulankunnathu Kavu -Kerala Institute of Local  
Administration (KILA)

Mannuthy - Kerala Agricultural University,  
Agri. Tech. Info.Centre

Calicut Calicut Indian Institute Spices Research (IISR)  
Medical College

Trivandrum Trivandrum State Planning Board, Pattom

Ernakulam Ernakulam Elamakkara - Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences

Maharashtra  
16 VRCs+ 2 Washim Risod Mothegaon  
Expert Centrel)  
Wardha Ramnagar Waifad

Yavatmal Yavatmal, MSSRF

Amaravati Chandur Bazar Amaravati, MSSRF

Thane Jawhar BAIF, Amrai Campus  
Mokhada Mokhada

Nashik Peint BAIF, Dhondamal  
Chandrapur Shindewahi Shindewahi  
Dadra and Nagar Haveli (Union Territory) Silvassa  
Pune Purandar Saswad  
Satara Patan Rammala Koynanangar  
Gadchiroli Kurkheda Kurkheda  
Ahmednagar Akole Shendi  
Raigad Khalapur Narangi  
Pune Mulshi Chale, Nanegaon  
Juneer Kalwadi  
Haveli BAIF Central Research Statn. Urulikanchan  
Nagpur Nagpur RSSSC - Nagpur

#### Madhya Pradesh

(21 VRCs + 3 Expert Chattarpur Rajnagar Rajnagar  
Centre/Hospital) Chhatarpur Christian Hospital, Mahoba Road

Hoshangabad Hoshangabad Hoshangabad  
Babai Babai  
Seoni Malwa Seoni Malwa  
Sohagpur Sohagpur  
Pipariya Pipariya  
Bankhedi Bankhedi

Shivpuri Pichore Pichhore  
Pohari Pohari  
Shivpuri Shivpuri

Tikamgarh Niwari Niwari  
Teherka  
Taricher  
Taragram  
Orchha

Ujjain Ujjain Ujjain  
Indu Bhai Parekh Memorial Hospital  
Ghatia Ghatia  
Tarana Tarana  
Khachrod Khachrod  
Badnagar Badnagar  
Mahidpur Mahidpur

Bhopal Bhopal NCHSE HQ

#### Meghalaya Shillong Shillong NESAC

(1 Expert Centre)

#### Nagaland

(5 VRCs + 3 Expert Kohima Chiephobozou Zhadima  
Centre/Hospital) Tseminyu Tseminya  
Kohima Nagaland State Science & Technology Council

Phek Pfutsero Civil Hospital Pfutsero  
Pfutsero Porba  
Chizami Chizami  
Chetheba Chesezu

Orissa

(35 VRCs + 9 Expert Ganjam Kukuda Khendi Gram Vikas, Mohuda Centres/Hospitals) Rangeilunda PREM, Mandiapalli

Patrapur Puriashai

Jagnath Prasad Rudapodar

Sahnakhemundi Kansmari

Rayaguda Kashipur Agragamme, Kashipur  
Mandibisi  
Mallijharan

Bargarh Attabira Mohakhand  
Bhatti Dumapalli

Bolangir Akalpuri Asurmunda

Cuttack Chnadwar Mangarajpur  
Cuttack Telemedicine Centre, SCB Medical College

Gajapathi Mohana Mohana  
Nuagada Palleri  
Gasani R. Sitapur  
Anandpur  
Rayagada Koinpur  
Koradasingi  
Neagada Anusahi

Kalahandi Thumala Rampur Kumudabahal

Keonjhar Saharpada Chadheibhola  
Kapundi Kapundi

Koraput Boipariguda Ramagiri  
Mundaguda  
Dasmanthpur Dasmanthpur  
Koraput Jejpore

Mayurbhanj Khunta Badafeni  
Rasam Angarapada  
Kedugiani Balipashi

Sonepur Dungrapalli Rangiatikra

Puri Ramlanka Patanasi

Brahmagiri Bandhamunda Bhoi sahi  
Jaganathpur  
Konark Konark

Sundergarh Kendudihi Panchapedi  
Balisankara Kinjirkela

Nawarangpur Tentulikhundi Gaudaguda

Kandhamal Phiringia Luising

Berhampur Berhampur Telemedicine Centre, MKCG Medical College

Nayagarh Nayagarh Rohibank - Sambhav' (Ashram)

Bhubaneswar Bhubaneswar Director of Extension Education,  
Agricultural Technology Information Centre

Gangadhar Meher Marg - CYSD Hq,

Sambalpur Sambalpur Burla - VSS Medical College, Telemedicine Centre

(17 VRCs + 4 Expert  
Centre/Hospitals ) Udaipur Jhadol Jhadol

Alwar Alwar Bhikampura-Kishore  
Tijara Tijara

Barmer Baytu Baytu  
Chohtan Binjrad

Bikaner Loonkaransar Loonkaransar

Jaipur Amer Achrol

Jalore Jalore Jalore

Jhunjhunu Udaipur Vati Bhojgarh

Jodhpur Luni Khejarli Kalan  
Malva-Dhava  
Jodhpur Tarabai Desai Eye Hospital & Research Centre,

Sawai Madhopur Bamanwas Riwali

Sirohi Pindwara Banas-JK Puram  
Ker

Tonk Malpura Nagar

Udaipur Girwa Bambora

Jodhpur Jodhpur CAZRI  
RRSSC

Mt. Abu Delwara Road - J.Watumull Global  
Hospital & Research Center

Sikkim East District Ranka Ranka

(16 VRCs + 3 Khamdong Khamdong  
Expert Centre) Rhenock Rhenock  
Rhegu Rhegu  
Duga Duga  
Temi-Tarku Temi  
Rakdong Tintek Rakdong Tintek  
Ranipool Science Center (EC)  
Gangtok Rural Management and Development Department,

West District Dentam Dentam  
Kaluk Kaluk  
Yuksom Yuksom  
Daramdin Daramdin

North District Kabitingda Kabitingda  
Passingdong Passingdong

South District Melli Sumbuk  
Wok Wok  
Yangang Yangang  
Karfector State Institute of Rural Development

Tamil Nadu/Puducherry Cuddalore Chidambaram Mariappa Nagar North

(53 VRCs + 5 Expert Periyapattu  
Centres/ Hospitals) Erumbur

Kattumannarkoil Mamangalam  
Cuddalore Vadalur  
Cuddalore Old Town,  
Nellikuppam/ Maruthadu  
Virudhachalam Oomangalam  
Virudhachalam

Karaikal Karaikal Nedungadu

Dindigul Athur Sempatti  
Natham Sirugudi  
Dindigul Sanarpatti

Nagapattinam Nagapattinam Pallpannaichery  
Sirkazhi Poobuhar

Pudukkottai Illupur Taluk Annavasal

Ramnad Rameswaram Thangachimadam  
Kamudi Kamudi  
Mudukulathur Mudukulathur  
Ramanathapuram Ramnad  
Kadaladi Sayalgudi

Thanjavur Thiruvaiyaru Thiruvaiyaru  
Pattukottai Pattukottai

Puducherry Puducherry Pillaiyarkuppam  
Thavalakuppam

Kancheepuram Uthiramerur Manampathi  
Kalpakkam Kalpakkam

Kanyakumari Nagercoil Kurusady  
Kalkulam Kelamuttom  
Vilavangodu Thumbakodu  
Agatheshwaram Puthalam  
Munchirai Poothurai

Sivagangai Elayankudi N.Andakkudi  
Thirupathur Singampuneri  
Karaikudi Pallathur

Tiruvannamalai Chengam Kariyamangam  
Thiruvannamalai Durgam

Thiruvallur Thiruvallur Ramapuram

Thirunelveli Radhapuram Valliyur

Vellore Vaniyambadi Melsanror Kuppam  
Katpadi Brahmapuram  
Wallajah Amoor  
Anikut Pallikonda  
Jawathu hills Jamunamaruthur

Madurai Thirumangalam Thirumangalam  
Peraiyur T Kallupatti (TP)  
M.Kallupatti  
Vadipatti Palamedu (TP)  
Melur Melur  
Mangalampatti  
Madurai south Dhan -Training Centre, Pulloothu

Tuticorin Tuticorin Tuticorin  
Kayatharu Kalugumalai

Coimbatore Ettimadai Ettimadai Amrita School  
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

Chennai Chennai Taramani - MS Swaminathan Research Foundation

Sathyabama University

Sri Ramachandra Medical College and  
Research Institute

Uttar Pradesh Jalaun Konch Konch

(27 VRCs + 2 Expert Orai Orai  
Centres + 1 Hospital)  
Lalitpur Lalitpur Lalitpur

Raibareilly Raibareilly Raibareilly City  
Lalganj Lalganj  
Salwan Unchahar  
Tilo Jayas

Sultanpur Amethi Amethi

Bhetua  
Musafirkhana Jagdishpur  
Gauriganj Gauriganj  
Tikarmafi Tikarmafi  
Shahgarh Shahgarh

Gazipur Mohammedabad Kundeshwar

Unnao Fatehpur Chaurasi Takiya

Hardoi Tadiyan Gopa Mau

Mau Hathni Hathini

Sitapur Sidhauli Sidhauli

Moradabad Bahpur Bahpur/ Rahman nagar  
Bilasi Amarpur Kashi

Ferozabad Ferozabad Suhag Nagar

Etah Jalesar Jalesar

Aligarh Tappal Ghangauli

Buland Sahar Khurja Khurja

Ballia Beruarbari Ballia

Muzafarnagar Jansath Naya Gaon

Gorakhpur Peepeeganj Peepeeganj

Lucknow Lucknow ERA's Lucknow Medical College and Hospital

Faizabad Faizabad Narendra Dev University of Agriculture  
and Technology

Allahabad Allahabad Deoghat Jhalwa - Indian Institute of  
Information Technology

Uttarakhand Dehradun Raipur Thano

(15 VRCs + 3 Kalsi Nagthath  
Expert Centres) Chakrata Kwanu  
Lakhamandal  
Doiwala Himalayan Institute of Hospital Trust (HIHT)  
Dehradun IIRS

Pauri Khairakhain Maleithi

Tehri Chamba Chamba

Uttarkashi Uttarkashi Josiada

Bhageswar Bhageswar Gola

Nainital Ramgarh Simayal

Almora Chaukotiya Mahakaleshwar  
Dwarahat Choura  
Bhikiasen Masi  
Bhainsiajhana Jamradi

Chamoli Gairsan Gairsan  
Jakhnidhar Anjanisen

Udam Singh Nagar Udam Singh Nagar Pan Nagar, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture  
and Technology

West Bengal 24-Parganas Sagardwip RKMAshrama, Manasadwip

(7 VRCs + 3 (North)  
Expert Centres)  
24-Parganas Chota Sehara, Sundarbans Sandeshkhali

(North)

Hooghly Khanukal Khanakul  
24 Parganas South Narendrapur  
Purulia Purulia Vivekananda Nagar  
Medinipur Medinipur Ashram  
Coochbehar Kotowali Coochbehar New Town  
Kharagpur Kharagpur RSSC, Kharagpur  
Howrah Howrah RKM Sikshana Mandira  
Vivekananda Education & RI  
Belur Math  
Kolkata Kolkata Ramakrishna Mission Sevapratishtan Hospital

Andaman & Nicobar Port Blair Directorate of Shipping Services  
Islands

(3 VRCs + 1  
Expert Centre) Chouldari Panchayath Secretariate, Gram Panchayath  
Long Island Gram Panchayath  
Port Blair Port Blair - Polytechnic College