

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 5117**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 04/04/2022

**PM VAN DHAN YOJANA**

5117. SHRI KUNAR HEMBRAM:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana in West Bengal including Jhargram district and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any initiative in order to market the products made in remote tribal villages of West Bengal and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the grants in aid provided to the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) during the last three years to West Bengal?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

**(a):** Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing

Pradhan Mantri Janajatiya Vikas Mission with *inter alia* the component of Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP. One of the sub-components of this is the Van Dhan Vikas Karyakaram, which is implemented through TRIFED (Tribal Co-Operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited). It emphasizes the enterprise route for generating additional income to the village level primary SHG units known as Van Dhan Self Help Groups (VDSHGs). Each VDSHG comprises of upto 20 forest dwellers to undertake the gathering, processing and value addition of Minor Forest Produces. 15 such VDSHGs are subsumed into each VDVK of upto 300 members to reap the advantages of economies of scale in training, aggregation of raw material, branding, packaging and marketing operations envisaged to create

an inherent strength in the VDVK organisation in the area. The Scheme also allows VDVKs members to undertake other activities like agriculture, floriculture, medicinal plants etc. for ensuring round the year livelihood .

Since the launch of Van DhanYojana from August, 2019, TRIFED has sanctioned more than 3000 Van Dhan Vikas Kendra Clusters (more than 50000 Van Dhan Self Help Groups) associated with more than 9.00 lakhs beneficiaries in the country. It is envisaged that it would play a vital role in improving overall economy of tribal community of our country.

An amount of Rs.329.35 Lakh has been released to West Bengal for setting up of 22 VDVKs involving 6719 beneficiaries through West Bengal Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation Ltd., Kolkotta. It includes 4 VDVKs in Jhargram district.

**(b) & (c):** Ministry of Tribal Affairs, under MSP for MFP Scheme, has released an amount of Rs. 201.72 Lakhs to the State of West Bengal as Revolving funds for procurement of MFPs. The State Implementing Agency - West Bengal Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation Ltd., Kolkotta has procured MFPs of the value of Rs. 80.03 Lakhs from tribal MFP gatherers in West Bengal State, as per the following details:

Name of MFPs	F/Y 2018-19		F/Y 2019-20		Grand Total (Till December ,2021)	
	Procurement		Procurement		Procurement	
	Qty. in MTs	Value (Rs. In lakhs)	Qty. in MTs	Value (Rs. In lakhs)	Qty. in MTs	Value In lakhs) (Rs.)
Sal Seed	248.463	49.69	68.225	13.65	316.69	63.34
Sal Leaf			2.045	0.72	2.05	0.72
Mahua Flower			0.400	0.13	0.40	0.13
Mahua Seed			0.327	0.09	0.33	0.09
Neem Seed			0.197	0.05	0.20	0.05
Karanj Seed			0.300	0.07	0.30	0.07
Myrobalan			1.000	0.15	1.00	0.15
Baheda			0.100	0.02	0.10	0.02
Giloe			33.460	13.38	33.46	13.38
Jamun Seed			0.615	0.25	0.62	0.25

Chironjee Seed			0.050	0.06	0.05	0.06
Apang plant			0.03	0.008	0.03	0.01
Kalmegh			0.004	0.001	0.00	0.001
Kusum Seed			0.4	0.09	0.40	0.09
Satavari			1.2	1.28	1.20	1.28
Marking Nut			0.005	0.001	0.01	0.001
Madhanasini			0.8	0.38	0.80	0.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>248.463</b>	<b>49.69</b>	<b>109.158</b>	<b>30.34</b>	<b>357.62</b>	<b>80.03</b>

Further, an amount of Rs. 455.44 lakh during 2018-19 has been provided to the State Government of West Bengal to undertake modernization of haat bazars and setting up of primary aggregation/ storage facilities.

Besides, as informed by TRIFED, under the Institutional Support Scheme for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products, TRIFED undertook following purchases of tribal products from the artisans of West Bengal :-

S.No.	Financial Year	Amount in Rs. Lakhs
1.	2017-18	31.10
2.	2018-19	86.95
3.	2019-20	240.93
4.	2020-21	81.88
5.	2021-2022 (till 27.02.2022)	172.90
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>613.76</b>

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