

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4727
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.08.2025

Tribal Research, Information, Education, Communication and Events (TRI-ECE)

4727. Shri Baijayant Panda:

Will the **Minister of Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any reputed research institutes or universities have undertaken various research studies, publication of books or documentation including audiovisual documentaries under the scheme “Tribal Research, Information, Education, Communication and Events (TRI-ECE)”;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of existing and proposed Tribal Research Institutes and Centres of Excellence in Odisha; and
- (d) whether the Government has brought out any publications highlighting significant studies, documenting historical facets of tribal communities, achievements of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and State Departments and other necessary publicity at regular intervals and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(Sh. DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (d): Tribal Research Information, Education, communication and Events (TRI-ECE) is a Central Sector Scheme under which funds are released to the research organizations, reputed organizations, research institutes, universities where expertise exist and which have already made a mark by carrying out pioneering research in their respective field are provided financial support to bridge the gap in critical areas. The purpose of the scheme is to create replicable models in areas of education, health, livelihood, digital governance etc. The project proposals submitted by such organizations online or physical mode are scrutinized by the Ministry and placed before Project Approval Committee (PAC) chaired by Secretary, Tribal Affairs for further consideration and approval. The projects sanctioned to different organisations to undertake various research studies under the scheme is placed at **Annexure-I**.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India under the Centrally Sponsored scheme ‘Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)’ extends financial support to 29 Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) in States/Union Territories (UTs) including Tribal Research Institute Odisha. Under the scheme, proposals relating to infrastructural needs, research & documentation activities and training & capacity building programmes, organization of tribal festivals, yatras for promotion of unique cultural heritage and tourism and organisation of exchange visits by tribals are organised

so that their cultural practices, languages and ritual are preserved and disseminated. TRIs are primarily institutions under the administrative control of the State Government/UT Administration.

Various publications highlighting significant studies, documenting historical facets of tribal communities have been brought out by the Central Government and State/UT Government(s) at regular intervals. These publications may be accessed at <https://repository.tribal.gov.in/> and <https://tribal.nic.in/repository/>. Further, achievement of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has also been documented and published. The same may be accessed through the link appended below:

<https://tribal.nic.in/writereaddata/News/20240315094242043248610yearsbookletEnglish.pdf>

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4727 for answer on 21.08.2025

Sl. No.	Name of the Organisation/ Institute	Name of the Project
1	Council of Analytics Tribal Studies, Koraput	<p>1. Predicament of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) and their status of Inclusion in Odisha: A case study of Kutia Kondh, Didayi, Juangs.</p> <p>2. Horticulture as a Source of Tribal Livelihood: A Case Study of Dongaria Kandha of Rayagada District, Odisha</p>
2	Amrita Viswa Vidhya Peetham, Kerala	<p>1. Health and Social Awareness in Villages through School students (Awareness Ambassador Program)</p> <p>2. e-Literacy & Health Awareness for Tribals</p> <p>3. Menstrual Hygiene Awareness for Adolescent Girls and Young Women</p> <p>4. Awareness on micronutrient deficiencies for tribal Women of Coimbatore District</p>
3	Bhasha Research Institute	<p>1. Identification and Documentation of Threatened/Dying Languages in the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka</p> <p>2. Study of Traditional Life-Skills, Livelihood in Transition and Potential Opportunities among Adivasi Communities of Narmada Districts of Gujarat.</p> <p>3. Digitisation of Songs, Oral Epics, Legends and Stories from Garasia and Dungri Bhili communities of north Gujarat as recorded by scholar Dr. Bhagwandasbhai Patel.</p> <p>4. Documentation of Tribal Folklore and Music of Sikkim</p> <p>5. Development of Bhasha Van : Outdoor Forest-Museum of Sound Archives of Indian Languages, at the Adivasi Academy, Tejgadh</p>

		6.Tribal Archives Websites and E-Books Websites
4	Piramal Swasthya, Hyderabad	Tribal Education: Improving the Functioning of the Ekalavya Model Residential Schools(EMRS)
5	The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Delhi	Assessment of implementation of The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013 in Odisha, Jharkhand and Assam
6	Patanjali Research Institute	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Survey of Government Schemes and their actual beneficiaries' details. 2. Diseases-wise Collection of Ethno-medicinal Information from traditional healers. 3. Collection, Herbarium preparation and identification of plants from different tribal regions. 4. Documentation of medicinal information of plants with Research Review Approach. 5. Documentation of different works of Tribal Artisans. 6. Herbal Monograph preparation of selected important medicinal plants. 7. Research profiling of traditional medicinal plants of Tribal Communities. 8. Guidance, Coordination and Training of tribal traditional healers. 9. Livelihood support system to the tribal communities through beekeeping, agriculture and traditional arts. 10. E-Commerce platform and Web-portal for Livelihood Support
7	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur	Improving health status of tribal people of District Sirohi (Rajasthan) through engaging & empowering the native by creating awareness of health & disease in a partnered / participatory ecosystem
8	FICCI Socio-Economic and Development Foundation	Tribal Welfare and Entrepreneurship Development: Turning Challenges into Opportunities and Actions
9	Piramal Swasthya Management and Research Institute (PSMRI), Hyderabad	1. Repository & District Factsheets of health and nutrition data (based on secondary sources)
10	IBRAD, Kolkata	Creating awareness through workshops, seminars, documentations and building capacity of the PVTGs for natural resource conservation and sustainable livelihood development in the context of climate change with particular emphasis on women empowerment

11	TERI, New Delhi	Development of Forest Governance Model in context of Community Forest Resource Rights
12	Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	Processing and Value addition of Terminalias for effective livelihood improvement of forest dwellers
13	ICMR-National Institute for Research in Tribal Health, MP	Understanding tribal culture, lifestyle, animal husbandry activities and cause of death in five tribes of India through establishment of tribal habitats in ICMR-NIRTH
14	Council of Analytical Tribal Studies (COATS)	Development of questionnaire and selection of Research Assistants and Investigators Training of Research Assistants and Investigators and collection of secondary information Field study Compilation of data and preparation of tables Block wise and Panchayat wise Writing of the draft report Presentation of the draft report in a workshop and revision of the report Binding and submission on the report
15	Indian Statistical Institute, Giridih	Strengthening livelihood opportunities for forest dwellers in Jharkhand and Odisha
16	Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram	Research on effectiveness of Gram Sabha as envisaged in PESA 25 years ago
17	BRLF New Delhi	Evaluation of the MoTA Scheme titled Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes
