

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3172
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 30/03/2022

PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL CULTURE BY STATES

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps being taken by States to preserve tribal culture and steps taken for their development;
- (b) the specific steps being taken by Odisha in this regard; and
- (c) how is Central Government helping Odisha in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) is administering the schemes of “Support of Tribal Research Institute” under which grants are given to the state Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) for various projects including preservation and promotion of their art, culture, practices, traditions in following ways

(i) Research studies/publication of books/documentation including audio visual documentaries on promotion of rich tribal cultural heritage which includes preservation of tribal languages.

(ii) Tribal cultural exchange programmes.

(iii) Research and documentation of Indigenous practices by tribal healers and medicinal plants, Adivasi Languages, agriculture system, dances and paintings, organization of literary festivals, publication of books written by tribal writers/ authors, translation works and literature competitions, etc.

(iv) To acknowledge the heroic and patriotic deeds of tribal unsung heroes, Ministry has sanctioned setting up Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum for ten states. This museum along with ethnographic Tribal museums will also showcase and preserve tribal artefacts related to life and culture of tribes.

(v). Ministry gives funding to TRIFED for organizing Adi Mahotsav festival at State level. State level festivals like Hornbill festival of Nagaland, Medaram Jatra of Telangana.

(vi). The Ministry also provides grants to State Government for holistic development of tribals under its various schemes like Pre and Post Matric Scholarship Schemes, SCA to TSS, Grant to PVTGs and MSP to MFP scheme. The Central Government also provides funds to Odisha under Central STC component.

(b): The specific steps taken by Government of Odisha with regard to preservation of tribal culture are as under :

(i) A Special Development Council (SDC) has been set up covering 9 most thickly concentrated tribal districts spread over 117 blocks and about 2000 Gram Panchayats in tribal areas for protection, preservation, conservation, promotion and propagation of indigenous culture. Activities like – protection of Sacred Groves, Promotion of tribal dance have been undertaken.

(ii) An “Academy for Tribal Language and Culture” has been set up which has formulated bi-lingual dictionaries and tri-lingual module and primers in 21 tribal languages of Odisha.

(iii) Conservation-cum-Development initiatives for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) have been taken up in Odisha for the 13 PVTGs.

(iv) To promote Multi-Lingual Education supplementary readers in all 21 tribal languages have been prepared and distributed among tribal children to know about their own culture.

(v) Also, capacity building training programmes have been provided to teachers working in schools for effective class room teaching.

(vi) Besides, Govt. of Odisha has been organizing “Dance Festival” and “ Craft Mela”. .

(c): In last three years, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has given grants to State of Odisha for undertaking various activities including preservation of tribal culture and their development which are as under:

(Rs. In Lakh)			
Name of scheme	Fund released		
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
SCA to TSS	17553.22	8691.18	9010.42
Grant under Article 275(1) of constitution	21449.15	15110.66	6304.62
Institutional Support Scheme MFP for MSP	0.00	160.58	0.00
Pre Matric Scholarship	6665.88	6157.65	6944.96
Post matric Scholarship	14801.92	16640.15	19095.97
Grants to PVTG	3626.00	976.38	1202.00
Support to TRIs	819.07	780.04	503.00
