

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3339**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 29/03/2023

**STEPS TO IMPROVE LITERACY RATE AMONG TRIBALS**

3339 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has drawn any special plan to improve the socio-economic conditions of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups;
- (b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and
- (c) whether any steps are being taken to improve the literacy rate among tribal population?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) & (b):** Yes Sir. Government in Budget 2023-24 has made announcement of Pradhan Mantri PVTG Development Mission. The mission is aimed to improve socio-economic conditions of the particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) by saturating PVTG families and habitations with basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities. The mission envisages availability of Rs.15,000 crore from the Development Action Plan for the Scheduled Tribes, for activities to be undertaken in the next three years under the Mission.

**(c):** Government has approved a new scheme “New India Literacy Programme for the period FYs 2022-2027 to cover all the aspects of Adult Education to align with National Education Policy 2020 and

Budget Announcements 2021-22. The objective of the scheme is to impart not only foundational literacy and numeracy but also to cover other components which are necessary for a citizen of 21st century.

Besides, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been, inter alia, implementing various schemes for educational development including schemes aimed to increase literacy rate and level of education among tribals which are enumerated below:

- i. Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)
- ii. National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students
- iii. National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) to the ST Students for Studies Abroad
- iv. Pre- Matric Scholarship
- v. Post Matric Scholarship:
- vi. Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution
- vii. Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)
- viii. Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes

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