

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2385**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 09/08/2023

**STATUS OF INDIGENOUS TRIBES IN ODISHA**

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy measure to support the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of the Scheduled Tribes Order of 1950 in Odisha; and

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated for these tribes, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) & (b):** Ministry of Tribal Affairs is taking various measures for overall development and welfare of all Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) including those PVTGs who are also notified as Scheduled Tribes (STs) under the THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED TRIBES) ORDER, 1950 including tribes of Odisha. The specific interventions for PVTGs being implemented by this Ministry are elaborated below.

This Ministry is implementing the Scheme of “Development of PVTGs” with the objective of overall socio-economic development and welfare of these most vulnerable sections among tribal people. Funds are provided to the concerned State Government / UT including State of Odisha on the basis of their proposals in diverse sectors i.e. education, housing, land development, agricultural development, animal husbandry, construction of link roads, installation of non-conventional sources of energy for lighting purpose, conservation of culture and traditional practices or any other innovative activity with respect to these identified 75 PVTG communities in the nature of gap filling intervention besides interventions undertaken by the States out of Tribal Sub-Plan funds.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing a flagship scheme “Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)’ to provide quality education to ST Students from class 6th to 12th. 5% seats in each of the EMRSs is reserved for PVTG students.

In the scheme of National Fellowship, 25 slots out of 750 slots are reserved for PVTG students. Under National Overseas Scholarship for ST students, 3 slots out of 20 slots are reserved for PVTG candidate.

Besides, 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.

Details of funds released to State of Odisha during last three years under the scheme of Development of PVTGs are as under:

**(Rs. In lakh)**

Financial Year	Funds Released
2020-21	1202.00
2021-22	1197.00
2022-23	1796.75

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