

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025

AVERAGE INCOME OF TRIBAL FAMILIES

159. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the average income of rural and urban women and men in the country, the State-wise details thereof including Chhattisgarh during the last three years;
- (b) the average income of women and men in tribal families of Bastar Division in Chhattisgarh;
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to increase the average income of tribal families; and
- (d) the details thereof along with the average income increased during the last three years due to these measures?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a) to (d): The Survey Wing of National Statistics Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is responsible for conducting large scale sample surveys on various socio-economic subjects on All India basis. However, the average income of rural and urban women and men in the country is not estimated in these surveys.

The Government is implementing various schemes/programmes for the welfare and development of the tribes in the country. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) is the Nodal Ministry for overall policy planning and coordination of programmes for development of Scheduled Tribes. It covers all tribal people and all areas with tribal population across the country. Besides MoTA, 41 Ministries/Departments are allocating certain percentage of their total scheme budget every year for tribal development for projects relating to education, health, agriculture, irrigation, roads, housing, employment generation, skill development, etc. Further, MoTA through its two agencies namely Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) & National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) have contributed significantly in promoting economic activities being undertaken by the tribal communities and have impacted in turn their economic development.

MoTA is implementing the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)' through TRIFED which envisions to strengthen tribal entrepreneurship initiatives and to facilitate livelihood opportunities by promoting more efficient, equitable, self-managed, optimum use of natural resources, Agri / Minor Forest Produce (MFPs) / Non-farm produce.

Under the scheme, financial support of INR 15.00 lakhs is provided to the State Governments for setting up of each Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) which are the centres of value addition activities of MFPS/Non-MFPS. TRIFED also provides backward & forward linkages to tribal artisans / suppliers for marketing of tribal products of various categories like metal craft, textile, jewellery, painting, cane & bamboo, terracotta & pottery, organic & natural food products etc. through online and offline platforms.

In addition, TRIFED also organizes and participates in festivals, melas etc. to provide platforms to the tribal artisans to showcase their products and connect them to the potential buyers giving thereby an opportunity to enhance their entrepreneurship activities and earning potential.
