

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3854**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

3854. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that about 45 per cent of Scheduled Tribes (STs) live Below Poverty Line in rural areas and 24 per cent in urban areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the amount released for the Tribal Sub Plan has been slashed since 2013, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the overall increase in the Budgetary allocation for the Ministry since 2014; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the funds allocated to different Schemes of the Ministry for the socio-economic development of the STs?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a): Yes, Madam. As per the estimates of the erstwhile Planning Commission, Scheduled Tribe (ST) people living below the poverty line in 2011-12 was 45.3 % in rural areas and 24.1% in urban areas. The details are given at **Annexure**.

(b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): The Budgetary allocation for the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has increased every year since 2013-14, as per details given below:

Sl. No.	Year	Budget Allocation (BE) (Rs. in crore)
1	2013-14	4295.94
2	2014-15	4497.96
3	2015-16	4819.21
4	2016-17	4826.50
5	2017-18	5329.32

Efforts are made by seeking more funds / increase in the budgetary allocation of the Ministry every year so as to increase the fund allocation to different Schemes of the Ministry for the socio-economic development of the STs.

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**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 3854 for 19.3.2018 regarding 'Allocation of Funds'**

State -wise Percentage of Scheduled Tribes Below Poverty Line during 2011-12  
(Tendulkar Methodology)

S. No.	State	Rural %	Urban %
1	Andhra Pradesh	24.1	12.1
2	Assam	33.4	15.6
3	Bihar	59.3	10.3
4	Chhattisgarh	52.6	35.2
5	Gujarat	36.5	30.1
6	Himachal Pradesh	9.5	4.0
7	Jammu & Kashmir	16.3	3.0
8	Jharkhand	51.6	28.7
9	Karnataka	30.8	33.7
10	Kerala	41.0	13.6
11	Madhya Pradesh	55.3	32.3
12	Maharashtra	61.6	23.3
13	Odisha	63.5	39.7
14	Rajasthan	41.4	21.7
15	Tamil Nadu	36.8	2.8
16	Uttar Pradesh	27.0	16.3
17	Uttarakhand	11.9	25.7
18	West Bengal	50.1	44.5
	<b>All India</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>24.1</b>

**Note:**

1. The poverty ratios among the STs are estimated from the percentage distribution of persons of ST population as obtained from the large sample survey consumer expenditure data of the National Sample Survey (NSS) and the poverty line for all population.
2. The poverty ratios are based on MRP (Mixed Recall Period) consumption distribution.
3. All India poverty ratio for the social groups is worked out from the respective NSS distribution of persons and (implicit) all-India poverty line for all population.
4. The poverty ratio among Scheduled Tribes population at State level may be treated with caution due to small sample size of household based on which the class distribution of persons have been obtained. These States are in urban areas, number of sample households is 18 in Bihar, 18 in Himachal Pradesh and 9 in Kerala.
5. Source: Erstwhile Planning Commission.

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