

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 449**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018

**EMPLOYABILITY OF TRIBAL YOUTHS**

449 SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is working on a plan to enhance the employability of tribal youths;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is devising a plan to use indigenous knowledge and local practices for sustainable development of tribal areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (b) The Ministry has not launched any specific scheme for enhancing the employability of Tribals / Scheduled Tribes in the country. However, on demand by State Governments, funds are provided to the State Governments for skill upgradation and Vocational Training of ST youth. Ministry also grants scholarships for higher education and professional courses within and outside the country. Further, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, under its Special Area Programme of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) and other Central Sector / Centrally Sponsored schemes, provides funds as an additive to the State Tribal Sub Scheme (TSS) for economic development of tribals in the States covering skill development and employment-cum-income generation activities as per demand of the State Governments. The Ministry has impressed upon the State Governments for promotion of need based integrated livelihood initiatives such as Dairy development with State cooperative, horticulture, floriculture, vegetable production, apiculture, sericulture, fisheries, backyard poultries etc. in order to create enabling environment for tribals to earn their livelihood and increase direct / indirect employment opportunities.

(c) No, Madam. No such proposal is under consideration.

(d) None, in view of reply to (c) above.

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