

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5572
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018
FOREST VILLAGES IN CHHATTISGARH

5572. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of forest villages located in the reserved areas in the country under Gram Vikas Yojana in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the funds sought by the Chhattisgarh Government for development works in the said villages during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned the said amount; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Gram Vikas Yojana is not implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs. However, Ministry of Tribal Affairs had implemented a programme for 'development of forest villages' from 2005-06 to 2011-12 as one-time measure for integrated development of forest villages with a view to raise the Human Development Index (HDI) of the inhabitants of the forest villages and for providing basic facilities and services in 2,474 forest villages/habitations that were covered under the scheme spread over twelve States in the country including 425 villages of Chhattisgarh. The programme was implemented as part of the Special Area Programme 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan'. The programme included infrastructure works relating to basic services and facilities viz., approach roads, healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rain water harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls etc. and activities related to income generation. Components that were earlier funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs from 2005-06 to 2011-12 are now covered under other schemes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs particularly Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) and grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India.

Receipt of proposals on various activities from the State Government is a continuous process. The fund sanctioned/released to support activities under Forest Rights Act, 2006 to Government of Chhattisgarh during the last three years and current year is detailed below:-

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	Project name	Amount approved
1.	2014-15	Empowerment of District/ block and forest village committees through training and workshop and publicity of Act for awareness about Community Forest Rights (under Article 275(1) of the Constitution)	20.00
2.	2015-16	Nil	Nil
3.	2016-17	Nil	Nil
4.	2017-18	Digitization of records of forest rights distributed under Forest Rights Act, 2006 including geo referencing of distributed land (under SCA to TSS)	319.00
