

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1044**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018

**ART AND CULTURE OF TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote art and culture of different tribal communities of the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken during the last three years in this regard;
- (c) the financial allocation made for this purpose; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken steps to promote the products made by the tribal communities and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
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(a) to (c) Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) provides funds to the State Governments for the activities relating to promotion of art and culture of difference tribal communities of tribal areas in the country based on their demand. Government has established Tribal Research Institutes in 24 States and 1 UT. Core responsibility of TRIs is to function as a body of knowledge & research and as a think tank for tribal development and preservation of art and culture of tribal people. TRIs have carried out various activities viz. research studies, evaluation studies, organization of training/seminar/workshop, organization of tribal festivals, baseline survey, publications, documentaries / documentation, organization of exchange visits etc. The annual outlay of the Scheme 'Support to Tribal Research Institute (TRI)' enhanced from Rs. 21.00 crore in 2016-17 to Rs. 80.00 crore in 2017-18 and Rs. 100.00 crore in 2018-19. Statement showing State/UT wise details of funds provided to the TRIs during last three years and current year is at **Annexure**.

MoTA has developed a digital repository with web address <http://tribal.nic.in/repository> where documents, folks songs, photos / videos regarding their evolution, place of origin, lifestyle, eating habits, architecture, education level, traditional art, folk dances and other anthropological details of the tribes in India are stored. The repository currently has more than 10,000 photographs, videos and publications which are mostly done by TRIs.

Notable works undertaken by these institutions during last four financial years and current year are detailed below:

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Number</b>
Research Studies	214
Evaluation Studies	54
Training/ Seminar/ Workshop	277
Tribal Festivals	50
Baseline Survey	12
Publications	170
Documentaries/Documentation	101
Exchange Visit	34

National level tribal festival / carnival is organized annually by the Ministry to showcase glimpses of rich cultural heritage of tribal people across the country through unique forms of folk dances, songs, cuisine, exhibition and demonstration of traditional skill in painting, art and craft, medicinal practices etc. During last three years, this Ministry has organized a National Tribal Festival in Delhi at different locations to showcase and promote various facets of tribal life as detailed below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Places</b>
2015	National Tribal Festival - Vanaj	13th -18th February, 2015	Indira Gandhi Art and Cultural Centre, New Delhi
2016	National Tribal Carnival - 2016	25th – 28th October, 2016	Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium and Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
2017	Aadi Mahotasav	16-30 November, 2017	DilliHaat, INA, New Delhi, Central Park, etc.
2018	Aadi Mahotasav	16-30 November, 2018	DilliHaat, INA, New Delhi,

Further proposal for construction of a state-of-the-art Tribal Museum of national importance at Garudeshwar, Rajpipla in Gujarat State for tribal freedom fighters has been sanctioned during 2017-18. Besides, MoTA has also approved the proposal for setting up museums for tribal freedom fighters in the following States;-

(Rs. in crore)

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Location for tribal freedom fighter museum</b>	<b>MoTA Commitment</b>	<b>Fund Release as on date</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	Lambasingi	15.00	7.50
2	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	15.00	4.65
3	Gujarat	Rajpipla	50.00	24.38
4	Jharkhand	Ranchi	25.00	10.00
5	Kerala	Kozhikode	15.00	7.50
6	Madhya Pradesh	Chhindwara	15.00	6.93
			135.00	60.96

(d): Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) a Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, organizes as well as participates in exhibitions for promotion and marketing of tribal goods. It organizes a National Tribal Festival by the name of “Aadi Mahostav” where tribal craft, culture, cuisine and commerce are exhibited in a holistic manner. It also participates in various exhibitions all over the country for marketing and promotion of tribal products and in international exhibitions through Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) and India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) in various countries.

Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce scheme (MSP for MFP Scheme), started by Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the year 2013-14, was the first step in the direction of providing fair price to tribals. Initially, the scheme included 10 MFPs in 9 States. Presently, the scheme has coverage of 23 MFPs and applicability to all States.

MoTA in the month of March 2018 has launched the Tribes India banner on Snapdeal, Amazon, Paytm and GeM for marketing of Tribal Products through these e-commerce portals. With this, more than 55 thousand tribal artisans connected to TRIFED will get access to local as well as International markets.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1044 for answer on 17.12.2018

Release of fund under the scheme "Support to TRI's"

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No	State/ UT	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (Till 12.12.2018)
1	Andhra Pradesh	-	-	940.42	749.58
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	647.99	253.01
3	Assam	-	-	183.65	198.75
4	Chhattisgarh	-	-	168.73	504.49
5	Gujarat	86.53		2438.00	-
6	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	106.80
7	Jammu And Kashmir	10.00	340.00	-	97.00
8	Jharkhand	-	-	-	1211.83
9	Karnataka	148.00	117.00	130.00	106.00
10	Kerala	-	67.99	745.65	401.25
11	Madhya Pradesh	78.75	54.35	732.51	309.91
12	Maharashtra	-	-	-	485.01
13	Manipur	119.00	109.00	58.00	530.11
14	Mizoram	-	-	-	416.08
15	Nagaland	-	-	-	800.00
16	Odisha	250.30	322.39	662.90	819.07
17	Rajasthan	126.50	-	169.25	44.75
18	Sikkim	-	111.00	136.00	155.60
19	Tamil Nadu	132.30		133.20	177.25
20	Telangana		121.90	339.50	163.20
21	Tripura	159.50	73.25	198.75	316.14
22	Uttar Pradesh	-	43.26	-	-
23	West Bengal	43.50	150.82	215.45	380.15
24	Andaman And Nicobar	50.00	-	-	81.60
25	Uttarakhand	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	1204.38	1510.96	7900.00	8307.58

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