

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3031
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018

HEALTH PARAMETERS OF TRIBAL POPULATION

3031. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Health parameters of tribal population have always been a concern for India's march towards Millennium and Sustainable Development Goals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is near complete absence of participation of people from the Scheduled Tribes or their representatives in shaping policies, making plans or implementing services in the health sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): The health parameter of tribal population have considerably improved during the recent periods. However, there are still some gaps existing in comparison to the general population of the country. Departments of Government of India, reveal that there have been considerable improvements in socio-economic conditions of the Scheduled Tribes, for example, Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has declined from 62.1 (2005-06) to 44.4 (2015-16), Under Five Mortality Rate has declined from 95.7 (2005-06) to 57.2 (2015-16), Full Immunization increased from 31.3% (2005-06) to 55.8% (2015-16), and Institutional Delivery improved from 17.7% (2005-06) to 68.0% (2015-16). However, there are still gaps as compared to figures of total population. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in 2015-16 is 44.4 for Scheduled Tribes in comparison to 40.7 for All population. Under Five Mortality Rate in 2015-16 is 57.2 for Scheduled Tribes in comparison to 49.7 for All population. Institutional Delivery in 2015-16 is 68% for Scheduled Tribes in comparison to 78.9% for All population.

(c) to (d): No, Sir. NITI Aayog has constituted a Working Group under the Chairmanship of Shri Ratan P. Watal, Principal Adviser, NITI Aayog, for shaping policies, making plans, effective implementation, monitoring, and evaluation schemes and programmes for Scheduled Tribes which has composition of members from National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, State Govt. officials working in Tribal Welfare Departments, Academicians and eminent persons working in the field of tribal health.

An Expert Committee on Tribal Health was also constituted jointly by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India in the year 2013. This Committee comprised, inter alia of several experts belonging to the Scheduled Tribes communities. The Committee, in the course of its extensive studies has closely interacted with a large cross-section of stakeholders belonging to the Scheduled Tribes.