

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

STUDY ON CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS PRACTICES OF TRIBALS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted to understand the unique cultural and religious practices followed by various tribal populations across the country;
- (b) the details of the geographical areas where such study was conducted;
- (c) the present status of the study along with the details of the time limit stipulated for completion of the study; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) : Study on various tribal populations' unique cultural and religious practices have been conducted by the Anthropological Survey of India, a Subordinate Office under the Ministry of Culture, under the following four national projects :

- (i) All India Material Culture Survey,
- (ii) Contemporary Indian Tribal Ethnographic,
- (iii) People of India (POI); and
- (iv) Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)

Besides the above, the Anthropological Survey of India undertook a Research Study of 275 Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic communities spreading across the country, in which their unique cultural practices have also been covered.

These projects covered all the States across the country.

(c) & (d) : The above mentioned projects have already been completed and 60 monographs pertaining to above study have already been published.
