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Tribal Research Institute in UT of Ladakh

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has data and proposed plans about the Tribal Research Institute, University of Ladakh in terms of existing status, funds allocation, Grant in aid, creation of Jobs in TRI, University of Ladakh, and opening of new Tribal Institute in UT of Ladakh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to preserve, protect and promote the tribal culture of UT of Ladakh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a)&(b): As per information received from the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh the Tribal Research Institute (TRI) has been running at Kargil Campus, University of Ladakh since July 2021. The institute is working on its Ten Years Prospective Plan prepared by the institution. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) amounting to Rs. 1995.00 lacs for construction of TRI building at Kargil Campus has already been submitted to Ministry of Tribal Affairs for approval. Gap funding for construction, above the funds sanctioned by the Ministry, is to be borne by Administration of Union Territory and funds have been sanctioned under Special Development Package for the Institute. The requisition of funds amounting to Rs. 159.87 lacs under the scheme 'Support to TRIs' has been submitted by the University of Ladakh to the Department of Social & Tribal Department of Union Territory of Ladakh.

(c)&(d): Also as per information received from the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh the Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Union Territory of Ladakh has taken various steps to preserve, protect and promote tribal culture of Union Territory of Ladakh such as organized various Tribal Culture Festival, Seminars, Culture Exchange Programmes, Culture revival workshop, Literary Conferences and Training programs on Art, Culture & Languages, working on Ladakhi-to-Ladakhi Languages dictionary project, collection of Folks Songs, Ladakhi Publications on folk tales and students oriented cultural and literary activities etc..

Further, Tribal Research Institute (TRI), University of Ladakh has also taken various initiatives such as conducts seminars, lecture series, tribal fest, exhibition of tribal art, artifacts, cuisine. It has undertaken mini projects on tribal cultures of Ladakh involving post-graduate students. University of Ladakh has signed MoUs with Tribal Universities and NGOs and collaborating on research and book projects, documentation of intangible folk songs, folklore, myths and proverbs. The TRI has compiled list of bibliographies/literatures and Census Data on tribes of Ladakh etc.
