

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2304
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2023

UNDER UTILISATION OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO VARIOUS SCHEMES FOR STs

2304. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether budgetary allocations for various programmes/schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes (STs) are lying unspent in different projects;
- (b) if so, the details of allocation and utilisation of funds in such schemes; and
- (c) the action taken on special central assistance to STs therein?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (b): Government is implementing Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) as a strategy for the development of Scheduled Tribes and areas having tribal concentration. Besides Ministry of Tribal Affairs, 41 Ministries/Departments are allocating certain percentage of their total scheme budget every year for tribal development under DAPST for various tribal development projects relating to education, health, agriculture, irrigation, roads, housing, electrification, employment generation, skill development, etc. In Union Budget 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 1,17,943.73 crore has been allocated as DAPST funds out of the total scheme budgetary allocation of obligated Ministries/Departments which is about five and half time increase in DAPST funds allocation than that of the actuals of Rs 21525.36 Crores in FY 2013-14. Schemes along-with funds allocated by the obligated Ministries/Departments for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes are given at Statement 10B of Expenditure Profile of Union Budget document in the link <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/budget2022-23/doc/eb/stat10b.pdf> and <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/doc/eb/stat10b.pdf>

(c): Ministry of Tribal Affairs has revamped the earlier Scheme of 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) with nomenclature 'Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna (PMAAGY) for implementation during 2021-22 to 2025-26, which aims at integrated development of villages with significant tribal population. Under the Scheme, 36,428 villages having at least 50% tribal population and 500 STs across States / UTs with notified STs have been identified for undertaking development programs / activities through convergence approach amongst Ministries to bridge gaps prominently in 8 sectors of development viz. Road connectivity (Internal and Inter village /block), Telecom connectivity (Mobile /internet), School, Anganwadi Centres, Health Sub- Centre, Drinking water facility, Drainage and solid waste management.
