

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 8
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 04/12/2023

HEALTH CONDITION OF TRIBAL PEOPLE

8. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there exists no disaggregated data on the health conditions of tribal population in the country;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to collect disaggregated data on the health conditions of tribal population in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State and district- wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is considering allocating more funds for sectors such as health, education, nutrition, Skill Development and tribal welfare, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether several diseases such as sickle cell, anaemia and leprosy continue to be more prevalent in tribal populations, if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to prepare a central database for monitoring the health conditions of tribal women, if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) whether the Government has made any review in the allocation of Business Rules to plan resources for tribal welfare in different sectors and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) to (c): “Public Health & Hospital” being a state subject, the primary responsibility of providing health care services in the tribal areas is that of respective State/ UT governments.

Further, under the National Health Mission (NHM), Government of India provides financial and technical support to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems.

National Health Mission (NHM) envisages universal access to equitable, affordable & quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs by supporting the States/UTs in providing financial and technical support for accessible, affordable and quality healthcare, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections in urban, rural, and tribal/hilly areas. Thus, MoHFW maintains the universal data of the country. However, the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) which is conducted with a periodicity of around three years, provides disaggregated data on important demographic and health indicators for general population including STs.

The State-wise list of key indicators NFHS-5 may be extracted from below mentioned link: http://rchiips.org/nfhs/districtfactsheet_NFHS-5.shtml

It is evident from the recent round of NFHS that there are significant improvements in the key health, family welfare and associated indicators for the tribal population across State/UTs.

(d): Government of India is implementing Tribal Sub Plan (TSP), now known as Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) as a strategy for 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.

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 42 Ministries/Departments which is about 35 % increase in DAPST budget than that of last financial year. Further, there is about five and half time increase in DAPST funds allocation in 2023-24 than that of the actuals of FY 2013-14. Ministry/Department-wise allocation (BE,RE) and expenditure from 2018-19 to 2022-23 is given at **Annexure I**.

(e): As per the information available at ICMR Sickle cell is more prevalent in tribal areas. The first case for SCD was found in Nilgiri hills in 1952. Sickle cell disease is a genetic blood disease which affects the whole life of a patient. It is evident that it is more common in tribals but it also occurs in non-tribal communities. It not only causes anemia but also pain crises, reduced growth, and affects many organs like lungs, heart, kidney, eyes, bones and the brain.

While certain attempts had been made to ameliorate the suffering of the diseased population by some State Governments as well as the Central Government, a national Mission for Elimination of Sickle Cell anaemia has been launched by Prime Minister from Madhya Pradesh on 1st July, 2023. The Mission envisages to fulfil its aim through awareness creation, universal screening of 7 crore people in the age group of 0-40 years in affected districts of tribal areas, and counselling through collaborative efforts of central ministries and state government. Based on the proposal received from States, the funds have been approved by MoHFW under NHM.

Similarly, the elimination of Tuberculosis, which is highly prevalent in tribal areas, is also an area of priority for the Government. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs had launched an active case finding campaign, the Ashwasan Campaign, in 177 tribal Districts through the Tribal Health Collaborative in association with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(f): Ministry of Tribal Affairs is in the process of developing a portal that will be used to maintain a database on health conditions of tribal communities.

MoHFW in association with the States/UTs has been implementing various programmes to provide universal access to primary health care services for all sections of society with effective linkages to secondary and tertiary health care in order to achieve an acceptable standard of good health amongst the general population in country including the tribals. The data captured on various health portals captures the health data without categorization of tribal or non-tribal etc.

(g): No sir.

Annexure I

**Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 8 for answer on
04.12.2023**

Ministries/Dept. wise DAPST Allocation (BE, RE), Expenditure w.r.t to RE during last five years and BE 2023-24

(Rs. in crore)

Sr. No	Ministry /Department	2018-19			2019-20			2020-21			2021-22			2022-23			2023-24
		BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.*	BE
1	Department of Agricultural Research and Education	125.82	106.71	106.71	114.81	105.91	105.91	118.65	106.69	102.81	115.5	100.92	98.46	85.82	85.82	85.62	104.21
2	Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare	3965.37	5784.72	3354.76	11168.01	8717.57	8434.19	11507.65	9993.11	9677.81	10528.73	10089.35	10073.2	10606.04	9408.92	8661.49	9811.05
3	Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying	246.64	265.94	251.49	235.73	221.80	220.87	270.89	240.76	241.34	265.29	225.37	222.82	327.2	242.4	166.48	376.92
4	Department of Commerce	25.00	25.01	25.01	25.01	29.01	24.99	25	15.45	15.45	25	25	15.53	25.51	26.01	23.67	25.37
5	Department of Consumer Affairs	3.00	2.58	2.58	2.66	1.72	1.00	2.58	1.83	1.71	1.92	1.92	1.92	1.08	0.75	0.97	0.8
6	Department of Empowerment of Persons	71.50	72.99	69.29	88.22	78.92	61.81	68.56	47.57	38.9	61.04	47.9	46.69	60.66	49.88	43.5	58.48

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		BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.*	BE
	with Disabilities																
7	Department of Fisheries	--	--	--	53.83	49.44	45.87	53	63	62.89	91.52	110.91	109.38	172.71	127.78	100.47	182.59
8	Department of Food and Public Distribution	6.00	6.00	6.00	2.00	0.50	--	--	5421.31	5421.31	10814.48	12683.3	12389.97	9152.54	12758.83	12758.54	9359.15
9	Department of Health and Family Welfare	3155.08	3382.32	3490.82	4042.09	4042.09	3851.10	4300	3997.14	4005.39	4260.2	5574.04	4262.7	5400.57	4924.44	4709.73	4830.41
10	Department of Higher Education	1480.00	1403.93	1264.48	1605.00	1605.00	1416.99	1640	1304.78	1294.21	1963.45	1689.41	1459.86	1986	1986	1850.35	2061
11	Department of Land Resources	250.10	198.60	189.98	221.60	178.30	161.54	223.87	123.87	134.81	215.01	149.6	223.76	228.32	124.92	189.72	239.58
12	Department of Rural Development	5741.93	5443.79	5377.64	5984.12	5882.27	5904.17	5026	5823.02	5167.14	15127.24	19047.14	18652.6	18296.61	17987.91	17701.11	20400.56
13	Department of School Education and Literacy	4908.31	4933.38	4900.56	5831.51	5831.61	5627.30	5844	5709.45	4099.62	5297.4	4809.68	4199.99	6093.66	5556.78	5289.95	6824.04
14	Department of Science and Technology	104.85	104.85	99.03	115.78	111.84	108.53	137.69	97	87.76	125.45	93.43	93.63	124.37	82.8	71.18	119.4
15	Department of Telecommunications	677.00	676.18	504.47	800.57	140.75	83.28	357.89	322.75	290.2	401.01	370.91	411.73	408.5	158.09	156.71	453.65
16	Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga	162.20	137.00	108.91	272.20	237.81	227.76	279.63	186.41	186.18	197.17	399.3	354.52	791.5	396.5	220.29	358

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	Rejuvenation																
17	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation	2234.31	1997.80	1852.04	1999.47	1833.89	1833.89	2149.41	1700	1623.4	5897.18	4997.8	4310.62	6615.8	5896.7	6109.97	7615.9
18	Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)	26.00	26.00	4.00	35.00	26.00	26.00	37.7	31.7	31.7	35.8	34.91	34.71	72	56.55	43.42	71
19	Ministry of Coal	30.53	30.53	30.53	94.35	95.16	98.75	70.52	73.67	83.66	36.11	73.62	72.59	27.05	42.38	41.62	48.46
20	Ministry of Culture	35.10	33.60	24.45	35.10	22.51	21.92	24.86	16.89	11.43	19.57	20.95	32.66	22.9	35.99	35.81	27.98
21	Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region	527.25	593.70	567.13	810.50	750.87	741.20	822.92	563.61	563.6	716.87	716.87	715.09	754.95	819.67	241.54	1690
22	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology	206.00	226.00	225.76	251.32	215.24	211.51	265.19	204	204	456.03	428	347.52	715.3	522.84	254.56	833.5
23	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change	70.35	83.45	78.41	102.50	95.35	93.23	127	99	96.59	152	127	123.54	165.2	118	106.8	159
24	Ministry of Food Processing Industries	55.00	37.42	5.75	47.34	38.25	0.35	46.5	49.45	27.7	47.3	51.13	28.61	77.4	41.42	13.28	67.26
25	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	291.68	298.64	288.36	324.71	324.71	325.06	164.03	369.43	369.08	174.5	564.21	565.99	790.66	776.13	953.44	1204.01

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		BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.*	BE
26	Ministry of Labour and Employment	607.74	776.98	748.62	929.06	929.06	845.45	977.95	1126.13	1101.06	1084.12	1168.23	1960.57	1389.69	1320.86	1067.18	1069.42
27	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	587.74	607.36	826.92	560.39	618.96	773.54	634.13	382.34	553.87	350.5	1310.57	1468.58	1678.87	1621.22	2470.35	1883.09
28	Ministry of Mines	9.63	10.43	10.59	25.55	25.55	23.80	23.23	23.23	23.13	15.03	17.5	17.48	20.7	20.7	20.76	18.4
29	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy	217.00	217.00	188.18	441.00	322.00	279.92	486	288	200.98	486	389	235.91	384	572	342.58	572
30	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	57.40	62.82	62.82	62.82	61.15	61.16	74.62	42.02	56.48	78.86	103.46	125.08	72	76.5	76.5	83.51
31	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	--	--	--	1570.21	1619.80	1619.80	1840.5	1652.27	1134.14	555.99	229	92.23	241	387.04	286.15	77.96
32	Ministry of Power	976.30	913.30	496.02	803.79	803.78	706.11	857	516	391.99	765.6	660	...	584.08	388.74	194.73	957.23
33	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways	2700.00	2700.00	2355.56	2610.00	2610.00	2393.57	2920	3430	3404.57	4125	4525	4501.1	4545	6395.96	6281.13	23375
34	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	251.68	215.53	219.11	214.59	172.71	172.41	209.65	189.55	187.84	191.83	186.8	146.16	203.33	122.93	84.48	251.29
35	Ministry of Textiles	109.84	111.84	74.26	216.99	184.99	158.05	222.55	126.25	115.53	202.79	136.75	157.61	176.73	170.7	168.96	187
36	Ministry of Tourism	87.57	87.57	--	90.00	55.00	55.00	102	49	49	82	36.62	...	97.85	53	18.32	98.5
37	Ministry of Women and Child	1677.19	1865.71	1466.55	2486.64	2232.83	1787.30	2555.95	1785.23	1429.8	2077.93	2034.19	1967.27	2145	2111.8	2111.4	2166

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	Development																
38	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	164.65	148.30	121.20	161.17	182.82	182.35	201.35	117.92	116.32	121.25	138.08	102.16	161.15	135.6	126.73	165.1
39	Department of Fertilizers	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3592.57	6409.35	6782.83	4395.03	9824.37	10661.18	7699.72
40	Department of Pharmaceuticals	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18.49	18.49	17	26.79	--	18.17	20.52	23.35	26.45
41	Ministry of Cooperation	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	62.79	85.4	4.3	4.74
	Total	31845.76	33587.98	29397.99	44435.64	40455.17	38685.68	44668.47	46308.32	42622.43	70772.24	79804.01	76405.07	79177.74	85534.85	83768.32	105557.73

Note: * Provisional

Data Source: Expenditure as per Statement 10B, Expenditure Profile of Union Budget from 2018-19 to 2021-22 and STC MIS portal (<https://stcmis.gov.in>) for year 2022-23