

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019

ANNUAL INCOME FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

163. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi has conducted a study on “Economic Value of Bilgiri Rangaswamy Temple Wildlife Sanctuary” (BRTWLS) located between Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats on generating annual income for the tribal communities living in the vicinity of the sanctuary in Karnataka;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government would replicate the scheme in other States, including Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh for the benefit of Tribal communities and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

- (a) to (b) : As per the information provided by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, they have not conducted study on “Economic Value of Bilgiri Rangaswamy Temple Wildlife Sanctuary” (BRTWLS) located between Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats on generating annual income for the tribal communities living in the vicinity of the sanctuary in Karnataka. However, ICSSR has awarded a Research Project to Dr. M. Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru on “Economic Value of Forest Resources: A Case study of Nine Districts of Karnataka”. The study commenced with effect from 1-02-2018 and is an ongoing project.

Economic Value of Bilgiri Rangaswamy Temple Wildlife Sanctuary (BRTWLS), the Western Ghats in Karnataka is the part of the study taken on Economic value of Forest Resources. This study has estimated the value of carbon sequestration, provisioning services, soil erosion prevention and recreation services. It has used market price methods for estimating the value of provisioning services and individual travel cost method for estimating the value of recreation services, while the value of carbon sequestration and soil erosion prevention has been estimated based on the secondary data. As per the study, average annual income from non-timber forest products has been between Rs. 10000 and 12000 for the sample households in the BRT wildlife sanctuary.

- (c) There is no such proposal under consideration.
