

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3399

TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019

DECLARATION OF TRANS-GIRI AREA AS TRIBAL AREA

†3399. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Trans-Giri area has been granted the status of tribal area;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether Jaunsar-Bawar of Uttarakhand has been granted status of tribal area and Trans-Giri area of Sirmour district is still deprived of the status despite the entire area being part of Sirman Princely State;
- d) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to declare Trans-Giri area as tribal area; and
- e) whether any demand to this effect has been sent to the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the progress made in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) : No sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) : Jaunsar-Bawar of Uttarakhand and Trans-Giri area of Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh are not notified as Scheduled Areas under Article 244(1) of Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal Ministry for declaration of Scheduled Areas as per the provision of the Fifth Schedule under Article 244(1) of the Constitution of India. Proposals for declaring an area as a "Scheduled Area" have to comply with criteria relating to preponderance of tribal population, compactness and reasonable size of the area, a viable administrative entity such as a district, block or taluk, and economic backwardness of the area as compared to the neighbouring areas. Proposals have to be submitted by State Governments with the recommendation of the Governor of the State. A proposal is examined for compliance with the above stated criteria; inter-ministerial consultation is undertaken for proposals that are compliant with the criteria. The proposal from State Government of Himachal Pradesh dated 19.7.2018 to declare Trans-Giri area of Sirmour district as a Scheduled area is subject to the above criteria and approval process.
