

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3217
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021

GOODS MANUFACTURED IN TRIBAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme is being implemented to promote the goods manufactured in tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any initiative to resolve the issues related to water and livelihood in tribal areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether tribal people have the knowledge of traditional system of treating diseases with the help of the medicinal plants grown in their areas; and
- (f) whether any research project has been awarded to any research institute for conducting research on system of medicine and the medicinal plants for conservation of this traditional knowledge?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing a scheme 'Institutional Support for development and marketing of Tribal Product/Produce' wherein Grants-in-aid are provided to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations (STDCCs) and Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED). The objective of the scheme is to create institutions to support marketing and development of tribal products, including training and skill up-gradation of tribal Artisans, Craftsmen, MFP gatherers and creation of supply chain infrastructure etc. Under the scheme, TRIFED provides marketing platform for tribal products through its network of 73 Tribes India outlets and 33 consignment counters and 15 Franchise outlets in State Emporiums located across the country along with other e-commerce platforms. TRIFED also organizes National Tribal Festival "Aadi Mahotsav" for development of traditional art and culture of tribal population which includes food and handicraft items. The funds released under the scheme during last three financial years are as under:

(Amount in lakh rupees)

Scheme	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Institutional Support	4495.00	7250.00	12850.00

(c) & (d) Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds to the State Governments based on their proposals for undertaking various livelihood activities including agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries and other non-farm based livelihood activities etc. under the schemes 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS)', 'Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)' and 'Grants under Article 275(1)'. During last three years, about 1000 different projects were sanctioned to various State Governments amounting to Rs.