

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON- 01/08/2022

VARIOUS TRIBAL SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to preserve and sustain tribal knowledge systems in India and if so details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government with regard to Tribal healthcare in recent years;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government with regard to Tribal Education in recent years;
- (d) the list of existing schemes/programs/initiatives/ policies with regard to tribal welfare in India?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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(a): Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the schemes of “Support of Tribal Research Institute” and ‘Tribal Research, Information, Education, Communication and Events (TRI-ECE)’, under which various activities are undertaken to preserve and sustain tribal knowledge systems as enumerated below:

- (i) Research studies/publication of books/documentation including audio visual documentaries on promotion of rich tribal cultural heritage.
- (ii) Tribal cultural exchange programmes
- (iii) Research and documentation of Indigenous practices by tribal healers and medicinal plants, Adivasi Languages, agriculture system, dances and paintings, organization of literary festivals, publication of books written by tribal writers/ authors, translation works and literature competitions, etc.
- (iv). To acknowledge the heroic and patriotic deeds of tribal people, Ministry has sanctioned setting up 10 Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum. These museum will also exhibit rich tribal cultural heritage of the region.

(v). To preserve and promote rich tribal cultural heritage and also to create awareness among others, searchable digital repositories has been developed where all research papers, books, reports and documents, folks songs, photos/videos are uploaded. The repository currently has more than 10,000 photographs, videos and publications which are mostly done by TRIs. The repositories can be visited at <https://repository.tribal.gov.in/> (Tribal Digital Document Repository) and <https://tribal.nic.in/repository/> (Tribal Repository).

(vi). Ministry gives funding to TRIFED for organizing Adi Mahotsav festival at National level and State level. State level festivals like Hornbill festival of Nagaland, Medaram Jatra of Telangana are funded through TRI scheme.

(vii) TRIFED organizes Tribal Artisan Melas (TAMs) to identify new artisans and new products at the sourcing level in States/Districts/Villages for expanding the tribal producers base.

Sample list of studies to preserve and sustain tribal knowledge systems undertaken by Tribal Research Institutes are at **Annexure-I**.

(b): Government has taken / is taking various measures for providing better health services across country including tribals. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (PMJAY) Ayushman Bharat, with its two components of Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), addresses disparity in access and reduces out of pocket expenditure for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization for 40% of India's population. National Health Mission (NHM) is creating a network of 1,50,000 HWCs by upgrading existing Sub Centres (SCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) to provide Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC), which is universal and free to all those who access public health facilities. Further, Government implements Anganwadi Services Scheme, POSHAN Abhiyaan, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and Scheme for Adolescent Girls under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) as targeted interventions for Children under 6 years, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls, throughout the country. MoTA does not have any dedicated and specific scheme for tribal health. However, grants are given to states under Grants under Article 275(1) based on the demand of the State/UT and to Voluntary Organizations to fill the critical gaps as per **Annexure-II**.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal Ministry for overall policy, planning and coordination of programmes for development of STs. This Ministry has been implementing several schemes relating to welfare including education of Scheduled Tribes like Pre-Matric Scholarship, Post Matric Scholarship, National Fellowship & Scholarship for Higher Education and National Overseas Scholarships for ST Candidates for Studying Abroad to enable ST students & scholars in their education from 9th class to PhD in India and abroad.

The details of schemes being implemented by Ministry for welfare including of tribals are as under:

- I. **Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS):** It is a central sector scheme introduced in the year 1997-98 to provide quality education to Scheduled Tribes (ST) students (Class 6th to 12th) in remote areas through residential schools. Ministry has revamped Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in 2018 and has decided to establish EMRSs in every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons. As on date, 684 schools have been sanctioned by the Ministry, out of which 378 are functional.
- II. **Pre- Matric Scholarship:** Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which financial assistance is provided to ST students studying in classes IX and X.
- III. **Post Matric Scholarship:** Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which financial assistance is provided to ST students studying beyond class X.
- IV. **National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students:** The scheme provides financial assistance or pursuing MPhil and PhD in Universities and for perusing graduate and post graduate courses in top 246 Institutes like IIT/AIIMS etc .
- V. **National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) to the ST Students for Studies Abroad:** Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to 20 ST students every year for pursuing higher studies abroad. *(The funds allocated under the schemes exclusively for educational development of STs during the past three years are at Annexure-III.)*
- VI. **Support to Tribal Research Institute (TRI):** This scheme aims to strengthen TRIs to carry out research, documentation, training and capacity building activities and serve as a knowledge hub catering to overall tribal development. Tribal museums are also established under this scheme.
- VII. **Tribal Research, Information, Education, Communication and Events (TRI-ECE):** The purpose of scheme is to create replicable models in areas of education, health, livelihood, digital governance etc. Under the scheme reputed organizations, research institutes, universities where expertise exist and which have already made a mark by carrying out pioneering research in their respective field are provided financial support in critical areas. Scheme also has provision for organizing tribal festivals.
- VIII. **Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India:** Under this scheme, funds are released to States to enable them to meet the cost of such schemes of development as may be undertaken by the State for the purpose of promoting welfare of Scheduled Tribes in that State or raising the level of administration of Scheduled Areas therein to that of the administration of the rest of the areas of that State.

- IX. **Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna (PMAAGY):** ‘Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna (PMAAGY)’, aims at providing Basic Infrastructure in 36428 villages with significant tribal population having at least 50% tribal population and 500 STs in convergence with Central STC and State TSP funds.
- X. **Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes:** Ministry has been funding Voluntary Organizations (VOs) including Non-Governmental Voluntary Organizations (NGOs) working in tribal Hilly, remote and border areas for projects in Education, Health and Livelihood. .
- XI. **Venture Capital Fund (VCF) for Scheduled Tribes:** From the year 2021-22, the scheme of ‘Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Tribes’ (VCF-ST) has been taken up by the Ministry with a corpus fund of ₹50.00 crore for a period of five years for promoting entrepreneurship/start-up projects by ST youth.
- XII. **Pradhan Mantri Jan Jatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM):** This scheme has been conceptualized with the merger of two schemes i.e. (i) ‘Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce through Minimum Support Price and Development of Value Chain for MFP (MSP for MFP)’ and (ii) ‘Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products’. PMJVM seeks to achieve livelihood driven tribal development through quality input, technology, credit and better marketing access etc.
- XIII. **Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs):** This scheme adopts a habitat level development approach to improve the quality of life through intervention in housing, drinking water, education and health services, livelihood support, and cultural aspects.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2398 for answer on 01.08.2022

Sample list of studies to preserve tribal knowledge system undertaken by State Tribal Research Institutes

S. No.	State	Details of research study
1	Telangana	Research studies on the ethnographic profiles of Lambadis, Kondareddis and Nayak tribes.
2	Andhra Pradesh	13 Ethnographic studies have been completed on tribal communities namely Bagata, Gadaba, Konda Kapus, Goudu, Kotia, Rona/Rena, Bhil, Malis, Parangiporja, Kattunayakan, Dhulia, Yanadis and Porja.
3	Odisha	<p>i. “Indigenous Knowledge on Selection, Sustainable Utilization of Local Flora and Fauna for Food by Tribes (PTG) Of Odisha: A Potential Resource for Food and Environmental Security” covering Juang, Hill Kharia, Mankirdia, DangriaKandha and LanjiaSaora PVTG communities in JDA,Gonasika,Banspal Block, Keonjhar district, HKMDA,Jashipur block, Mayurbhanj district, DKDA, Parsali, Kalyansingpur Block, Rayagada district and LSDA, Seranga, Guma Block, Gajapati district.</p> <p>ii. “Indigenous knowledge for management of land and water resources of the Tribes of south Odisha and Andhra Pradesh” covering Lanjia Saora and Dongaria Kondh of Odisha and Koda PVTG of Andhra Pradesh in DKDA, Chatikona, Rayagada district, LSDA, Puttasing, Rayagada District and Pateru Mandal, Paderu ITDA</p> <p>iii. “Indigenous ethno-medicinal practices among the Kandha and Santal of Odisha” covering Kandha and Santhala Communities of Odisha in Kandhamal, Rayagada, Mayurbhanj & Keonjhar districts of Odisha.</p>
4	Gujarat	<p>i. Bhils of the Dang</p> <p>ii. Nayak – Nayakadas of Gujarat</p> <p>iii. Chaudhari Tribe of Gujarat</p> <p>iv. Gamit – A Cultural Study</p> <p>v. Dhanka Tribe – In the ages of changes</p> <p>vi. The Siddis of Gujarat</p> <p>vii. Kotwaliya – Socio – Anthropological Study</p> <p>viii. Pateliaya – Socioeconomic Study</p> <p>ix. Paradhi – Socioeconomic Study</p> <p>x. Vasava of Gujara</p>

5.	Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. "Dakshini Rajasthan Ki Bhil Janjati ki Sanskritik Parampara mein Sangeet Aur Vivechan" ii. Customary Laws of Marriage in Bhil and Garasiya tribe iii. "Garasia Paramparik Sansthayein evam Badalte Huye Parivesh" iv. "Bhilon me Bhagat Parampara": Ek Adhyan v. "Garasia Janjati mein Kala evan Hast Shilp " vi. Social and cultural status of the Saharias vii. The Sahariyas: A primitive Schedule Tribe viii. Garasia: Social Structure and Social Movement
6.	Chhattisgarh	<p>A. Following anthropological studies on tribal communities across the State of Chhattisgarh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Oraon, Dhanwar, Saunta, Nagwanshi, Binjhwar, Bharia, Bhaina, Kanwar, Hill Korwa, Biyar, Majhwar, Majhi, Birhor in Northern Chhattisgarh ii. Pardhi, Rajgond, Kandra, Kondh, Baiga, Kamar, Bhunjia, Pardhi in Central Chhattisgarh iii. Dhurwa, Dorla, Gond, Abujh Maria in Southern Chhattisgarh <p>B. Monographs on cultural aspects on tribal communities across the State of Chhattisgarh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Oraon, Hill Korwa, Binjhwar, Majhwar, Khairwar, Kharia in Northern Chhattisgarh ii. Baiga, Bhunjia, Kamar in Central Chhattisgarh iii. Gond, Halba in Southern Chhattisgarh <p>C. Research reports on arts, paintings of tribal communities across the State of Chhattisgarh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Hill Korwa, Korwa, Nagesia, Munda, Khairwar, Oraon, Birhor, Kanwar, Bharia, Binjhwar, Dhanwar, Pando, Bhaina in Northern Chhattisgarh ii. Baiga, Kol, Kandra, Agariya, Kamar, Bhunjia, Sawara, Kondh, Pardhi, Rajgond in Central Chhattisgarh iii. Dandami Maria, Dorla, Dhurwa, Parja, Pardhan, Halba, Gond, Muria, Abujh Maria, Bhattra in Southern Chhattisgarh

Annexure-II

Annexure-II referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2398 for answer on 01.08.2022

Fund approved/released for Health and Nutrition under Article 275(1):

Health & Nutrition	
Years	Fund Approved (Rs. In lakh)
2018-19	11563.86
2019-20	9945.12
2022-21	10611.61
2021-22	7692.02

Funds given to NGOs for Project of Mobile Dispensary / 10 or more bedded hospitals

Years	Fund Released (Rs. in Cr.)	No. of NGOs	No of Projects
2019-20	14.64	46	73
2020-21	12.24	42	56
2021-22	12.95	25	79

Annexure-III

Annexure-III referred to in reply to part (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2398 for answer on 01.08.2022

The funds allocated under the schemes exclusively for educational development of STs during the past three years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

S. No.	Scheme	Allocation of Fund (BE)		
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1.	Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)	2662.55*	1200.00	1418.04
2.	National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students	100.00	120.00	150.00
3.	National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) to the ST Students for Studies Abroad	2.00	4.76	3.00
4.	Pre- Matric Scholarship	340.00	250.00	400.00
5.	Post Matric Scholarship	1613.50	1833.00	1993.00

**Fund allocated for all activities, including EMRS, sanctioned under Article 275(1) of the Constitution since EMRS was a component under Article 275(1) upto 2019-20.*
