

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1029**  
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024

**PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE CULTURE OF TRIBAL COMMUNITY**

†1029. SHRI RAJKUMAR ROAT:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by the Government to protect and promote the culture of tribal community in the country and the amount spent on such measures during the last five years, State-wise/year-wise and scheme-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the population of Bhil tribal community is more in the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat as compared to other States and the efforts made by the Central Government to protect the culture of Bhil community and the amount of budget spent in this regard and the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to implement any special scheme for the protection and promotion of culture of Bhil community residing in the above mentioned four States and the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b) Government of India has taken various steps to conserve and protect the tribal culture, traditions and customs. Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the schemes of "Support to Tribal Research Institutes and Tribal Research, Information, Education, Communication and Events" under which various activities are undertaken to conserve and promote tribal culture, archives, artefacts, customs and traditions of the tribal communities.

To promote the tribal culture, various festivals like Hornbill Festival, Octave, Tribal Dance Festival, Adi Bimb, Adi Sapta Pallav, Adi Lok Rang, Adiwasi Mahotsav etc. are organized through Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) of Ministry of Culture to showcase unique forms of folk dances, songs, cuisine, exhibitions and demonstration of traditional skill in painting, art & craft, medicinal practices etc.

Under the Scheme of "Tribal Research, Information, Education, Communication and Events (TRI-ECE)", reputed research Institutes/ Organizations/ Universities have undertaken various research studies/ publication of books/ documentation including audio visual documentaries etc.

The population of Bhil tribal community in the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat as per Census 2011 are 42,05,657 in Rajasthan, 59,96,165 in Madhya Pradesh, 25,88,659 in Maharashtra and 42,70,609 in Gujarat.

To protect and promote the culture of tribal community including Bhil community, tribal artists are engaged by ZCCs to showcase their talent during tribal dance festivals, painting camps, craft fairs for which they are paid honorarium, TA/DA, local transportation, boarding & lodging etc. to enable them to earn their livelihood.

The details of funds released to protect and promote the tribal culture including Bhil Community under the Schemes of 'Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) and Tribal Research, Information, Education, Communication & Events (TRI-ECE)' during the last 5 years are given at **Annexure-I**.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of Ministry of Tribal Affairs. However, some projects under the scheme 'Support to TRIs' for Bhil community in the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra were undertaken. The details of such proposals are at **Annexure-II**.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred  
Question No. 1029 for 29.07.2024**

**Details of funds released to protect and promote the tribal culture including  
Bhil Community during the last 5 years**

**Schemes of 'Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)**

(Rs. in lakh)

SI. No	State	Fund Released				
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Andhra Pradesh	500.00	455.00	432.75	219.13	125.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	923.85	184.15	0.00	0.00	48.63
3	Assam	235.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.00	189.04	113.43	250.00
5	Gujarat	1719.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Himachal Pradesh	68.05	50.00	114.1	0.00	0.00
7	Jammu and Kashmir	308.84	206.51	200.00	170.84	770.85
8	Jharkhand	1654.50	0.00	13.92	164.96	417.03
9	Karnataka	185.50	26.35	184.25	0.00	0.00
10	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	447.00	484.58	0.00	143.08
11	Maharashtra	141.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Manipur	877.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Mizoram	1512.00	1178.22	766.65	53.75	550.00
14	Nagaland	275.00	0.00	85.00	205.00	400.00
15	Odisha	780.04	503.00	644.76	313.15	600.00
16	Rajasthan	0.00	8.89	215.34	0.00	0.00
17	Sikkim	82.50	144.00	273.30	0.00	0.00
18	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	135.09	0.00	25.00
19	Telangana	557.25	375.75	548.95	0.00	0.00
20	Tripura	335.52	0.00	44.29	0.00	25.00
21	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	35.15	89.25	0.00	0.00
22	West Bengal	149.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	66.22	0.00	0.00
24	Uttarakhand	693.00	2183.48	1400.75	0.00	948.01
25	Goa	0.00	202.50	111.75	0.00	50.57
<b>Total</b>		<b>10998.00</b>	<b>6000.00</b>	<b>6000.00</b>	<b>1240.26</b>	<b>4353.17</b>

**Scheme of Tribal Research, Information, Education, Communication & Events  
(TRI-ECE)**

SI. No.	Year	Expenditure(Rs. in lakh)
1	2019-20	2324.00
2	2020-21	900.00
3	2021-22	1464.00
4	2022-23	1547.00
5	2023-24	3301.00

**ANNEXURE-II**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1029 for 29.07.2024**

**Projects undertaken under the scheme 'Support to Tribal Research Institutes' for Bhil Community**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State Name</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Activity</b>
1	Gujarat	2021-22	AKAM 2-3 minutes documentary film of Tribal Freedom Fighters	Tribal festival
2	Gujarat	2021-22	AKAM Tribal dance documentary film	Tribal festival
3	Gujarat	2018-19	An Ethnographic study of Bhil and Rathwa Tribes	Research & Documentation
5	Madhya Pradesh	2021-22	Riddles among Bhils documentation(Proposal from UNDP)	Research & Documentation
6	Madhya Pradesh	2020-21	Development and Printing of Primerson Gond, Bhil and Korku Tribe	Research & Documentation
7	Madhya Pradesh	2020-21	Study of Folktales, folklores of Bhil	Research & Documentation
8	Madhya Pradesh	2019-20	Development and Printing of primers on Gond, Bhil and Korku Tribe	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences
9	Madhya Pradesh	2018-19	Workshop or Seminar - Primer on Bhil Language	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences
10	Madhya Pradesh	2017-18	Organization of Bhilali Dictionary workshop	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences
11	Madhya Pradesh	2017-18	Organization of Baraly Dictionary workshop	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences
12	Maharashtra	2018-19	Developing Primers in major languages	Research & Documentation

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