

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- †2918**  
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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN TRIBAL AREAS**

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tribal areas are still lagging behind in the fields of education and employment;
- (b) if so, the measures being taken for providing education and employment in these areas;
- (c) whether the Government has any data in respect of employment opportunities provided to the tribal youths during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details therefor in Gujarat, district-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

**(a):** Tribal areas have improved significantly in the field of education and employment as enumerated below. In the field of education though Gaps between Tribal and All students exist, the gap is closing. In the case of employment as per the data available, the ST community is performing well.

The tables given below provide an overall vie regarding literacy, enrollment and dropout of Schedule tribe and ALL students.

(i) **Status of Education among Scheduled Tribes**

**Literacy Rates:**

There is a gap in education/employment which is getting progressively narrowed. The Literacy rate of total population and Scheduled Tribes Population and the Gaps therein for India, States & Union Territories for years 1991, 2001 and 2011, 2021, 2022 respectively as under:

<b>Comparative Literacy Rates of STs and Total Population (in per cent)</b>									
<b>Category / Census Year</b>	<b>1961</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Total Population	28.3	34.45	43.57	52.21	64.84	73.00	79.2	79.7	80.3
Scheduled Tribes	8.53	11.30	16.35	29.60	47.10	59.00	71.6	72.1	73.6
<b>Gap</b>	<b>19.77</b>	<b>18.15</b>	<b>19.88</b>	<b>22.61</b>	<b>17.74</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.7</b>

Source RGI and PLFS, MoSPI

**Gross Enrolment Ratio**

Details of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for ST students Elementary levels (I-VIII) for years 2017-18 to 2021-22 are given below. Data on GER at primary level indicate that enrolment ratio of ST students increased from 102.57 during 2017-18 to 103.4 during 2021-22.

**Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) i/r of All categories, SC and ST for Elementary stage (I-VIII) 2017-18 to 2021-22**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
All Categories	97.22	96.09	97.78	99.09	100.13
Scheduled Tribes	102.57	101.57	102.08	102.68	103.48

Source: Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+), Ministry of Education

(ii) **Status of Employment of STs**

The labour force participation rate shows a steady increase in participation of ST.

**Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) according to usual status (ps+ss) for Scheduled Tribes (ST) and All social groups from 2021-22 to 2023-24, all India**

(Figures in %)

Social Group	Male	Female	Person
PLFS (2023-24)			
ST	59.5	46.7	53.0
ALL	58.2	31.7	45.1
PLFS (2022-23)			
ST	59.6	43.5	51.6
All	56.2	27.8	42.4
PLFS (2021-22)			
ST	59.0	39.3	49.2
All	57.3	24.8	41.3

**(b) and (c): Regarding measures taken for providing education and employment in tribal areas. the programmes of Ministry of Tribal affairs (MoTA) are listed along with available information on employment opportunities to youth.**

**i. Eklavya Model Residential School**

The Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) was started in the year 2018-19 to provide quality education at par with Navodaya Vidyalaya to the tribal children in their own environment. Under the new scheme, Government decided to establish 440 EMRSs, one EMRS in every block having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons (as per census 2011). As on date, 715 schools have been sanctioned, out of which 476 EMRSs have been reported to be functional across the country benefiting about 1.33 lakh students. National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous body under Ministry of Tribal Affairs managing and implementing scheme of EMRS.

**ii. Scholarship provided to Tribal Students**

The Scholarship Division Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements following ongoing Schemes for providing scholarships to ST students in the country: -

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class IX and X)
- ii. Post Matric Scholarship for ST students. (Class XI and above)
- iii. National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students (Top Class)
- iv. National Fellowship for ST students (NFST)
- v. National Overseas Scholarship for ST students.

### **(iii)Livelihood programmes of MoTA**

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs through its two agencies namely Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) & National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) have contributed significantly in promoting economic activities including entrepreneurship among the tribal communities.

Ministry is implementing the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)' through TRIFED which envisions to strengthen tribal entrepreneurship initiatives and to facilitate livelihood opportunities by promoting more efficient, equitable, self-managed, optimum use of natural resources, Agri / Minor Forest Produce (MFPs) / Non-farm produce. Under the scheme, financial support of INR 15.00 lakhs is provided to the State Governments for setting up of each Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) which are the centres of value addition activities of MFPs/Non-MFPs. As on 01.11.2024, 3958 VDVKs have been sanctioned. TRIFED also provides backward & forward linkages to tribal artisans / suppliers for marketing of tribal products of various categories like metal craft, textile, jewellery, painting, cane & bamboo, terracotta & pottery, organic & natural food products etc. through online and offline platforms. TRIFED has empaneled 4990 tribal artisans / suppliers as on 31.07.2024 for procurement of tribal products. During the last five years, TRIFED has made a procurement of Rs 130.58 cr and has realized a sale of Rs. 186.02 cr.

In addition, TRIFED also organizes and participates in festivals, melas etc. to provide platforms to the tribal artisans to showcase their products and connect them to the potential buyers giving thereby an opportunity to enhance their entrepreneurship activities.

National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, provides credit linkage by extending concessional loans to the eligible Scheduled Tribe persons for undertaking income generation activities/ self-employment thereby instilling the spirit of entrepreneurship. The prominent schemes of NSTFDC are given as under:

- a. Term Loan Scheme: NSTFDC provides Term Loan for viable projects costing upto ₹50.00 lakh per unit. Under the scheme, financial assistance is extended upto 90% of the cost of the project and the balance is met by way of subsidy/ promoter contribution/ margin money.
- b. Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana (AMSY): This is an exclusive scheme for economic development of Scheduled Tribes Women. Under the scheme, NSTFDC provides loan upto 90% for projects costing upto ₹2.00 lakh at highly concessional rate of interest of 4% per annum.
- c. Micro Credit Scheme for Self Help Groups (MCF): This is an exclusive scheme for Self Help Groups for meeting small loan requirement of ST members. Under the

scheme, the Corporation provides loans upto ₹50,000/- per member and maximum ₹5 Lakh per Self Help Group (SHG).

d. Adivasi Shiksha Rrinn Yojana (ASRY): This is an education loan scheme to enable the ST students to meet expenditure for pursuing technical and professional education including Ph.D. in India. Under this scheme, the Corporation provides financial assistance upto ₹10.00 lakh per eligible family at concessional rate of interest of 6% per annum.

During the last five years an amount of Rs. 1577.12 cr has been disbursed to 623605 beneficiaries.

**Regarding (c)** Data in respect of opportunities to youth is not available in a centralized manner. The livelihood programmes of MoTA mentioned above a sizeable portion benefits youth by strengthening entrepreneurship initiatives and livelihood opportunities.

**(d):** Inputs in respect of Employment of Opportunities provided to the tribal youth during last 3 year in Gujarat district wise is attached as **Annexures 1 & 2**.

The Gujarat Government aids students with stipend as/financial assistance in the following programmes so that they may be able to complete course and find employment without difficulty: -

## Annexure 1

Beneficiaries in the Year 2023-24					
Project	Foreign Study	Pilot training	Advocate Stipend	Self-Employment	Naharikendr
DAHOD/MAHISAGAR / PANCHAMHAL	4	0	1	143	6
BANASAKANTHA	1	0	0	12	0
SABARKANTHA / ARAVALLI	6	0	2	13	0
CHHOTA UDEPUR	9	0	0	10	0
NARAMADA / BHARUCH	4	0	3	3	1
MANDVI	16	1	3	7	1
TAPI	4	1	5	11	2
NAVSARI / VALSAD	4	0	5	8	0
DANG	0	0	0	2	2
Total	48	2	19	209	12

Development support agency of Gujarat is implementing the livelihood related projects in Tribal Areas of Gujarat.

District wise details for Projects implemented by D-SAG is attached in is as below: -

**Annexure 2**

The data regarding the self-employment for Agriculture Diversification Project is as below:

Sr. No.	Name of the district	Project Name	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Banaskantha	Agriculture Diversification Project	3246	1630	2529
2	Sabarkantha		4703	3853	5531
3	Aravalli		3803	4254	3661
4	Mahisagar		6617	2654	3500
5	Godhara		5699	3780	3478
6	Dahod		34960	22170	24796
7	Chhota udepur		16192	7425	7800
8	Narmada		6102	2959	2024
9	Bharuch		1920	1606	1297
10	Surat		4480	2484	2616
11	Tapi		6008	7763	5544
12	Navsari		4874	4159	4133
13	Valsad		5641	5342	4370
14	Dang		2495	1417	1566
<b>Total</b>			<b>106740</b>	<b>71496</b>	<b>72845</b>

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