

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE OF GONDWANA

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take over the heritage of Gondwana which used to be a tribal State at the south bank of Narmada and develop them for tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the works being done for the overall development of the tribals?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) & (b): As informed by Ministry of Tourism, development and promotion of tourism in the country is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments (SGs)/Union Territory Administrations (UTs). The Ministry of Tourism complements the efforts of SGs/UTs by providing the financial assistance under its “Swadesh Darshan (SD)’ and “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)” for development of tourism amenities on receipt of project proposals in line with the relevant scheme guidelines, availability of funds under relevant schemes etc.

Ministry of Tourism sanctions tourism projects on receipt of project proposals from the SGs/UTs in line with the relevant scheme guidelines, availability of funds under relevant schemes etc. As of now, there is no Gondwana specific project proposal in prescribed format received from the State Government.

2. Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds to State Governments for setting up of tribal freedom fighter museums to preserve and showcase the tribal heritage. “Raja Shankar Kunwar Raghunath Shah Freedom Fighter Museum” in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh have been inaugurated by PM on 15.11.2024, Janjatiya Gaurav Divas. 2 Galleries at Badal Bhoi Museum, are dedicated to RANI DURGAWATI and GOND SANGRAM. Raja Shankar Kunwar Raghunath Shah Freedom Fighter Museum” in Jabalpur is dedicated to

martyrs of Gond dynasty. A book Martyrs of Gondwana giving details of sacrifices by freedom fighters of Gondwana kingdom, social, cultural and economic life of Gondwana tribes has been compiled after detailed research. These museums will not be attraction of tourists but will also give glimpse of Gondwana rich cultural heritage and contributions to freedom struggle. Ministry of Tribal Affairs has also sanctioned tribal tourism project in MP including Gondwana, where in tribal Home stays are promoted.

(c): Government is implementing Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) (now known as Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST)) as a strategy for the development of Scheduled Tribes and areas having tribal concentration in the country for improving the social economic condition of the tribals. Besides Ministry of Tribal Affairs, 41 Ministries/Departments are allocating certain percentage of their total scheme budget every year for tribal development under DAPST for various tribal development projects relating to education, health, housing, employment generation, skill development etc.

Hon'ble Prime Minister launched Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan on 2nd October, 2024. The Abhiyan comprises of 25 interventions implemented by 17 line Ministries and aims to saturate infrastructural gaps in 63,843 villages, improve access to health, education, Anganwadi facilities and providing livelihood opportunities in 549 districts and 2,911 blocks in 30 States/UTs in 5 years. Each concerned Ministry has been allocated budget and targets under Abhiyan and responsible for implementing the intervention assigned to it. The Abhiyan aims at Saturation through convergence and outreach.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) and 715 schools have been sanctioned, out of which 476 EMRSs are functional benefiting 1,33,929 students covering 264 districts in 28 States/UTs.

Ministry is also implementing schemes – Pre- Matric Scholarship to ST students, Post-Matric Scholarship to ST students, National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students, National Fellowship for ST students, National Overseas for ST students for providing scholarship to ST students in the country.

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) is promoting economic activities including entrepreneurship among the tribal communities.

For the socio-economic development of 75 PVTG communities residing in 18 States and one UT, Hon'ble Prime Minister launched Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha AbhiyaN (PM JANMAN) on 15th November 2023. The mission aims to provide basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and improved access to education,

health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, electrification of unelectrified households and sustainable livelihood opportunities in 3 years. These objectives are being met through 11 interventions implemented by 9-line Ministries.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides financial assistance to the State Governments on the basis of their proposals under Grants under Proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution. Funding under this programme is to enable the State to meet the cost of such schemes of development as may be undertaken by the State for the purpose of promoting the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in that State.
