

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4373**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

**SETTING UP OF TRIBAL MONUMENTS AND MUSEUMS**

4373. SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up monuments and museums showcasing tribes and tribal cultural heritage and their contribution to India's Independence and nation-building and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up such centres at the zonal, divisional or district level and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether programmes are being organized at the local or district level to boost the self-pride of tribals, most backward and deprived groups and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

**(a):** Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Support to Tribal Research Institutes' to States/UTs for setting up Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum to acknowledge the heroic and patriotic deeds of tribal people who struggled against the colonial rule and dedicated their life to the nation. Ministry has approved 11 projects for the construction of museums for tribal freedom fighters in 10 States. Other than these Ethnographic Museum are also sanctioned to showcase rich tribal cultural heritage, rare artefacts, dresses, ornaments, weapons, etc., related to life and culture of various tribes. Under the scheme, the Ministry provides grants to the State/UT. The State/UT is required to provide land, prepare detailed project report and implement the project through a construction and curation agency. Further, as informed, Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture is the custodian of built heritage sites, primarily develops 'Archaeological Site Museums' to showcase the artefacts recovered from archaeological explorations, excavations or loose sculptures, detached from monuments at/near the site, so that the objects do not lose their cultural significance.

**(b):** So far, proposal to set up such zonal, divisional or district level centres are not under consideration.

**(c):** Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India under the Centrally Sponsored scheme 'Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)' supports 29 Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) in States/Union Territories (UTs) for organization of various activities which are as under:

- i. Tribal festivals, exchange visits by tribals, events like National Tribal Craft Mela, National/State Tribal Dance Festival, Art Competition, Workshop – cum – Exhibition on Tribal paintings and state-level tribal poet and writers meet.
- ii. Organization of tribal fairs & festivals, festivals like "Medaram Jathara" undertaken by the Koya Tribe of Telangana, Hornbill Festival of Nagaland, Sarhul Festival of Jharkhand, Lokotsav of Goa and Pawl Kut festival of Mizoram, etc.
- iii. Moreover, Government of India has declared 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas to honour all the tribal freedom fighters to remember and acknowledge their contribution to the freedom struggle and cultural heritage, and to re-energize the efforts for the socio-economic development of the tribal regions. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs along with other Central Ministries, State Governments, and other Institutions are celebrating the glorious history of its tribal people, culture, and achievements since 2021. Also, Government of India is commemorating 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda as Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh from 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

Further, TRIFED also organizes Adi Mahotsav festival at National level and State level and 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.

Moreover, the Ministry of Culture is the Nodal Ministry for the promotion of culture including tribal culture as part of its larger mandate for protection and preservation of India's diverse culture. To protect, promote and preserve various forms of folk art and culture including tribal culture throughout the country, the Ministry of Culture has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) in the country during 1985-86 with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur.

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