

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 509
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL COMMUNITY

509. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing schemes on priority basis for the development of people belonging to tribal community;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware that a large number of people belonging to Tharu tribe reside in Valmiki Nagar Parliamentary Constituency and those skilled in handicrafts are engaged in making shawls, bed sheets, big and relatively small crates using a type of grass called moonj, etc.;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the plans proposed by the Government for supporting their livelihood; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering for setting up handicrafts industries in Harna Tanr under Bagaha 2 Block, Bakhri Bazar under Ramnagar Block and Belsandi under Gaunaha Block for development of Tharuhat area where people of Tharu tribe reside and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (d): The Government is implementing various schemes for socio-economic development of tribal community in general. Ministry of textiles implements National Handicraft Development Programme [NHDP] and Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme [CHCDS] for overall development of the handicraft's artisans including tribal artisans. It provides support for marketing, skill development, cluster development, formation of Producer Companies, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructural and technology support, research and development support etc. which are benefitting to the artisans throughout the country including Tribal community. Total 646 Pahchan Identity Cards have been issued to the handicraft artisans (ST) belonging to West Champaran district, Bihar. They can sell their handicrafts products online and offline through participating in marketing programs like Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, Dilli Haat, Ecommerce plat form etc.

Under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has empanelled 56 artisans/ producers/ suppliers from Tharu community of Bihar with whom 405 number of families are associated and are getting benefits through marketing of their products.

The Government of Bihar has informed that through the Integrated Tharuhat Development Agency, following schemes have been implemented for the social, economic and cultural development of the tribes (including Tharu) of the Tharuhat region of West Champaran:

- Weavers workshop-cum-residential building has been constructed for self-employment in Harnatand Panchayat of Block, Bagaha-2, which is fully operational.
- Approval has been given for construction of handloom building at Mishrauli in Bagaha-2 .

Apart from this, Government of Bihar is running other programmes to encourage livelihood activities through Jeevika. In the 43 panchayats of Sidhauv Block (Bagaha-2), Ramnagar, Gaunaha and Mainatanr under Tharuhat region, 77871 families have been connected through 6378 self-help groups so far for their capacity building and livelihood activities.
