

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 540
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025**

Support to TRI Scheme

540. Shri Mukeshkumar Chandrakaant Dalal:

Dr. D. Purandeswari:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students in each tribal community who are availing the benefits offered under 'Support to TRI' Scheme in the country, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the number of workshops, seminars, exchange programs and conferences that were held by the Government to encourage the participation of tribal communities during the last five years, year and State-wise;
- (c) the details of number of primers, stories, books, rhymes, etc., that have been translated and published in the tribal languages as well as sold; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to support and encourage the Multi-lingual Education among the tribal communities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a): Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, under the Centrally Sponsored scheme 'Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)' provides financial support to 29 Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) in States/Union Territories (Uts) on the basis of the Annual Action Plan submitted by the States/Uts subject to the approval of the Apex Committee chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Under the Scheme, proposals relating to infrastructural needs, research & documentation activities and training & capacity building programmes, organization of tribal festivals, yatras for promotion of unique cultural heritage and tourism and Irganizedlon of exchange visits by tribals are Irganized so that the tribal culture practices, languages and ritual are preserved and disseminated. The support under the scheme "Support to TRIs" is based on proposals made by the TRIs/States. Ministry has sanctioned various projects to the Tribal Research Institutes of the States/Uts towards various activities for the socio-cultural, educational, and economic development of the tribal communities. TRIs are primarily institutions under the State Government/UT Administration. The list of TRIs is at Annexure-I. The activities undertaken by

TRIs including Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh, to benefit the tribal communities including students from tribal communities are mentioned as under:

- i. Preparing Bilingual Dictionaries and Trilingual Proficiency modules in tribal languages.
- ii. Preparing Primers for students of Class I, II and III in tribal languages under Multi-Lingual Education (MLE) Intervention in the line of New Education Policy 2020.
- iii. Publishing Varnamala, local rhymes, and stories in tribal languages. These primers are expected to help the speakers of tribal languages to understand and learn different aspects of education in their own languages.
- iv. Publishing books, and journals on different tribal languages to promote tribal literature.
- v. Documenting folklore and folktales of different tribes for the preservation and promotion of tribal folk traditions. Further, Collecting oral literature (songs, riddles, ballads, etc.)
- vi. Translation and publication of Training module about Sickle Cell Anaemia disease awareness, Diagnosis & Treatment in local Tribal Dialects in the States covered under the Mission for Elimination of Sickle Cell Anaemia.
- vii. Conducting conferences, seminars, workshops, and poetic symposiums.
- viii. Organising state Tribal festivals, fairs, and cultural programs to showcase glimpses of the rich cultural heritage of tribal people across the country through unique forms of folk dances, songs, cuisine, exhibitions, and demonstration of traditional skills in painting, art, and craft, medicinal practices, etc.

(b): The number of workshops, seminars, exchange programs, and conferences sanctioned under the “Support to TRIs” during the last five years for States are at Annexure II. Through these activities, tribal community students are encouraged to participate in conferences, seminars, workshops, and exchange programs.

(c): The TRIs have prepared primers in various tribal languages. Under the scheme, TRIs are encouraged to develop dictionaries and primers in tribal dialects and languages. As informed by various TRIs, around 200 primers in 39 languages/dialects have been developed and are in used for teaching in different educational institutions.

(d): The government has taken various steps to support and encourage multilingual education among tribal communities. As a result, around 200 primers have been developed in different languages by TRIs. Further, as the New Education Policy stipulates that young children learn and grasp quickly in their home language and mother tongue, the Ministry of Education, has initiated the “Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages (SPPEL)” under the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru in 2013, which documents the language & culture of the mother tongues/languages of India spoken by less than 10,000 speakers in the form of primers, bi/trilingual dictionaries (electronic and print formats), grammatical sketches, pictorial glossaries and ethno-linguistic profile of the community. In the first phase, 117 tribal languages

are identified by them to work on languages which are roughly spoken by less than 10,000 speakers. The Institute in collaboration with NCERT has brought out primers for numerous tribal languages. Also, dictionaries, handbooks and grammar books for tribal languages have been developed by various TRIs.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 540 for answer on 06.02.2025

Annexure-I

List of Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)

Sl. No.	Address
1	Tribal Research Institute, Government of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Administration, Port Blair – 744 101
2	Tribal Research Institute, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Tribal Welfare Department, Kandhari Hotel Road, Revenue Colony, Vijayawada- 520 010
3	Tribal Research Institute, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, Behind Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, B-Sector. Naharlagun, Pin: 791110, Arunachal Pradesh.
4	Assam Institute of Research for Tribals & Scheduled Castes, Government of Assam, Jawahar Nagar, N.H. – 37, Guwahati-781022
5	Tribal Research & Training Institute Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Nagar, Sector-4, Raipur
6	Tribal Research & Training Institute, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad-380014, Gujarat
7	Institute of Tribal Studies Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hills, Shimla- 171005, Himachal Pradesh
8	Tribal Welfare Research Institute Government of Jharkhand, Morabadi Road, Ranchi – 834008
9	Tribal Research Institute, Directorate of Tribal Affairs Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, Jammu – 180001
10	Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute, #CA-3 Treasury Laout, Kergally, Mysuru – 570026
11	Kerala Institute for Research Training & Development, Studies for SC / ST, Government of Kerala, Kozhikode – 673017

12	Tribal Research & Development Institute, Government of Madhya Pradesh, 35, Shyamla Hills, Bhopal – 462002
13	Tribal Research & Training Institute, Government of Maharashtra, 28, Queens Garden, Pune-411011
14	Tribal Research Institute, Government of Manipur, Chingmeirong, Imphal – 795001
15	SC / ST Research & Training Institute, Government of Odisha, Unit-VIII, CRP Square, Bhubaneswar – 751003
16	Tribal Research & Training Institute, Government of Rajasthan, Ashok Nagar, Post Box No. 86. Udaipur-313 001
17	Tribal Research Institute, Social Justice & Empowerment and Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Samay Kalyan Bhavan, Room No. 402, 5 th Mile, Lumsay, Tadong, Gangtok-737 101
18	Tribal Research Center, Government of Tamil Nadu, M.Palada (PO),Udhagamandalam, Nilgiri District, Tamil Nadu,Ooty-643 004
19	TCR & TI, Government of Telangana, DSS Bhawan, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500 028
20	Tribal Research & Cultural Institute, Government of Tripura, Lakechovemahui, Agartala, West Tripura-799001
21	Cultural Research Institute, Government of West Bengal, P6-1/4 CIT Scheme VII-M, VIP Road, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054
22	SC / ST Research & Training Institute, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Bhagidari Bhawan, (Near Ambedkar Park), VipulKhand- Gomati Nagar, Lucknow-226010
23	Tribal Research Institute, Social Welfare Directorate, Chaltlang, Aizawl, Mizoram 796012
24	Tribal Research Institute, The Directorate of Social Welfare, Near Raj Bhavan, Kohima, Nagaland.
25	Tribal Research Institute, Social Welfare Department, Government of Uttarakhand, Subhash Road, Secretariat, Dehradun – 248 001

26	Tribal Research Institute, Babadam, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya
27	Tribal Research Institute, Directorate of Tribal Welfare, 5 th Floor, Shram Shakti Bhavan, Patto, Panaji, Goa
28.	Tribal Research Institute, Ladakh, Kargil Campus, University of Ladakh
29.	Bihar Scheduled Tribe Research and Training Institute (BSTRTI) 64/40 Officers Flat, Nehru Path, Patna- 800001

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 540 for answer on 06.02.2025

Annexure-II

Number of workshops, seminars, exchange programs and conferences sanctioned under the Scheme “ Support to TRIs” during the last five years are as under:

S. No.	States	No. of Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	No. of Exchange of visits
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	6	1
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	20	12
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1	2
4	ASSAM	106	4
5	BIHAR	4	1
6	CHHATTISGARH	17	4
7	DELHI (NTRI)	2	-
8	GOA	12	1
9	GUJARAT	11	-
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	4	1
11	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	43	6
12	JHARKHAND	24	6
13	KARNATAKA	37	3
14	KERALA	29	-
15	LADAKH	3	3
16	MADHYA PRADESH	44	7
17	MAHARASHTRA	13	-
18	MANIPUR	9	2
19	MEGHALAYA	1	-

20	MIZORAM	13	2
21	NAGALAND	20	3
22	ODISHA	63	5
23	RAJASTHAN	11	-
24	SIKKIM	7	4
25	TAMIL NADU	27	4
26	TELANGANA	25	5
27	TRIPURA	46	2
28	UTTAR PRADESH	26	1
29	UTTARAKHAND	18	3
30	WEST BENGAL	20	2
	TOTAL	662	84
