## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 653 TO BE ANSWERED ON- 06/02/2025

## PROJECTS FOR LOCAL TRIBALS

653. SMT. DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI: SHRI GODAM NAGESH: SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM: SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the major development projects launched by the Government to benefit the local tribal communities in the country, particularly in Madhya Pradesh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Sambhajinagar district of Maharashtra;
- (b) the initiative taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the Government schemes reach grassroot level;
- (c) whether the local tribal communities of Dadra and Nagar Haveli are not getting the benefits of various schemes launched by the Government and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that the local tribal communities of Dadra and Nagar Haveli get the benefits of various schemes launched by the Government?

## **ANSWER**

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

(a): Government is implementing Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) as a strategy for the development of Scheduled Tribes and areas having tribal concentration in the country including Madhya Pradesh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Sambhajinagar district of Maharashtra. 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, agriculture, irrigation, roads, housing, electrification, employment generation, skill development, etc. Schemes along-with funds allocated by the obligated Ministries/Departments for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes are given at Statement 10B of Expenditure Profile of Union Budget document in the link https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/doc/eb/stat10b.pdf.

Further, The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has undertaken the developmental activities for STs and in ST dominated areas through convergence of funds available with different Ministries/Departments DAPST.

During FY 2023-24, Government launched Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) for socio-economic development of 75 PVTG communities residing in 18 states and one UT. 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 planned to be met through 11 interventions implemented by 9-line Ministries. PM JANMAN has total budgetary outlay of Rs.24,104 Cr (Central share: ₹15336 Cr and State share: ₹8768 Cr).

Hon'ble PM 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 benefiting more than 5 crore tribals in 549 districts and 2,911 blocks in 30 States/UTs in 5 years. The Abhiyan has total budgetary outlay of Rs.79,156 Cr (Central share: ₹56,333 Cr and State share: ₹22,823 Cr). 4975 villages under 32 districts of Maharashtra covering 46,94,682 STs, 11,377 villages under 51 districts of Madhya Pradesh covering 93,23,125 STs and 76 villages under 2 districts of Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu covering 1,47,290 STs are being covered under Abhiyan.

**(b):** The Ministry regularly convenes meetings and conferences with State officials to ensure timely submission of proposals, expedite scheme implementation, and review progress. Officers visiting States/UTs assess implementation on the ground, while workshops and Manthan Shivirs facilitate interaction among Ministries and State Governments.

Ministry has developed online portal for all the scholarship schemes and advertisement in newspaper is also given when the portals are opened for inviting applications. All Universities, colleges and Institutions are also asked to make wide publicity about these schemes. The States are also asked to make ST students aware about the schemes and help students in preparation of basic documents like Aadhar, Bank Account, Caste certificate etc. so as to enable students to take benefit under the schemes.

To enhance the reach and impact of PM-JANMAN and DAJGUA, an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign has been conducted, including beneficiary saturation camps and dissemination of IEC materials in tribal mother tongues. Real-time monitoring of schemes is facilitated through interactive dashboards on the PM Gati Shakti portal, integrating data via API from various Ministries. This robust database enables targeted interventions by identifying critical gaps in villages and habitations. Additionally, the Ministry, through TRIFED and NSTFDC, organizes Adi Mahotsavs and other national and regional events to promote tribal artisans, creating mass awareness through exhibits, posters, pamphlets, and cultural programs.

(c) to (d): UT Administration of Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu has informed that the local tribal communities of Dadra and Nagar Haveli district are receiving the benefits of various

government schemes. The UT Administration ensures through Gram Sabha, Sarkar Aapke Dwar Camp and Special Camps, enabling direct access to welfare programmes. Continuous efforts are made to improve awareness, streamline processes and address challenges in implementation.

The Government has taken several measures to ensure that the local tribal communities of Dadra and Nagar Haveli receive the benefits of various schemes, including:

Awareness generation – Regular Gram Sabhas are conducted to create awareness among tribal communities about government schemes. IEC activities are also organized to disseminate information and ensure effective outreach.

Special Enrollment Drives- The UT Administration organized special Camps for registration under welfare schemes like healthcare, education, livelihood programmes, etc.

Door-to-door outreach- The officials of Gram Panchayat and District panchayat visited all the habitations of the Dadra and Nagar Haveli district to ensure a house-to-house tap connection survey and a PMAY survey to ensure scheme accessibility. These initiatives ensure that tribal communities receive maximum benefits from government schemes.

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