

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.337
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2025**

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF DNT/NT/SNT COMMUNITIES

337. SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Scheme for Economic Empowerment of Denotified (SEED), Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes is facilitating economic empowerment at the grassroots level for DNT/NT/SNT communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of beneficiaries and activities undertaken under the scheme, in Rajasthan;
- (c) the details of the progress made in enhancing rural livelihoods of DNT communities through Self Help Groups (SHGs) under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), particularly in Rajasthan; and
- (d) the details of mechanisms that have been instituted for direct community engagement and feedback at the local level?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

- (a) & (b): The Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED) empowers the DNT communities including State of Rajasthan through:
- (i) Educational Empowerment by giving them financial assistance for free coaching which will enable them getting admission in good institutes/employment in public and private sector.
 - (ii) Health: Ayushman Cards are being distributed among DNT communities.
 - (iii) Livelihoods: SHGs have been formed in DNT clusters to enable them improve their economic condition.
 - (iv) Land and Housing: Facilitates to provide houses to DNT communities under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Grameen and Urban), other government schemes.

So far, in Rajasthan under free coaching component, 23 DNT students have been given free coaching; and under livelihood component, 793 Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed with 8,723 members.

(c): 3,438 Self Help Groups (SHGs) having 46,067 members exclusively of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities have been formed in eight States including 793 Self Help Groups (SHGs) benefiting 8,723 members of Rajasthan.

National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) does not maintain any segregated information of DNT people into SHGs at the national level.

(d): The Ministry has constituted Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities (DWBDNC) for development and welfare of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities.

Two Corporations namely, National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) and National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) and Non- Government Organizations have been engaged as Partner Agencies by the Board for direct community engagement of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic communities.
