

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.\*11  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.04.2016  
LANDHOLDINGS OF TRIBALS**

\*11. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tribals in the country possess small and uneconomical landholdings and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the tribals remain chronically indebted due to variety of reasons including low crop yield and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the tribals are participating in occupational activities in the secondary and tertiary sectors and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has any special packages/plans for upliftment of tribals in the country including Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*11 for 25.04.2016 by Shri R. PARTHIPAN, MP, regarding 'Landholdings of Tribals'.**

(a): Distribution of households by size category of land holdings for social groups are given below:

(in %)

Category of holdings (land size class in ha)	Household Social Groups				
	ST	SC	OBC	Others	all (including N.R.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Landless ( $\leq 0.002$ )	9.41	7.18	6.98	7.40	7.41
Marginal (0.002-1.000)	68.83	85.70	75.25	70.22	75.42
Small (1.000-2.000)	14.64	4.77	10.43	11.31	10.00
Above Small ( $> 2.000$ )	7.13	2.35	7.34	11.07	7.18
All Sizes	100	100	100	100	100

Source: National Sample Survey (NSS) Report No. 571: Household Ownership and Operational Holdings in India  
ha: hectare, N.R.: Not Reported.

(b): No, Madam. Incidence of Indebtedness (IOI) for ST households in rural areas has declined in 2013 as compared to 2003. Also, IOI for STs is much lower than SCs, OBC and *Others* as per details given below:

Incidence of Indebtedness (IOI) by Social Group

Social Group	IOI (%)	
	rural	
	2003	2013
Scheduled Tribe (ST)	17.9	16.9
Scheduled Caste (SC)	27.1	30.9
Other Backward Class (OBC)	28.9	35.7
Others	25.7	31.4
<b>all</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>31.4</b>

Source: Key Indicators of Debt & Investment Survey 2013 & NSS report no. 503, 2003

(c): Yes, Madam. All India position is as under:

Per 1000 distribution of workers in usual status (ps+ss) by broad industry of work for each social group

<b>all-India</b>				
<b>Household Social Group</b>	<b>Broad Industry of Work</b>			
	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Tertiary</b>	<b>all</b>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Scheduled Tribe	704	179	117	1000
Scheduled Caste	490	295	216	1000
Other Backward Class	506	238	256	1000
Others	381	236	383	1000
<b>all</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>1000</b>

*Source: NSS Report No.563: Employment and Unemployment Situation among Social Groups in India.  
ps: principal status, ss: subsidiary status.*

Per 1000 ST households distribution in different sectors for each State / UT in rural and urban areas are given at **Annexure I and II**, respectively.

(d): Central and State Governments, including State Government of Tamil Nadu, have been taking various initiatives under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) Strategy to ensure that in all development programmes tribals get their due. This addresses education, health, sanitation, water supply, livelihood, etc. issues to improve their economic, educational and social conditions.

Apart from above, Ministry of Tribal Affairs administers two special area programmes namely Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) in 23 States and Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution wherein funds are provided to 28 States (including Telangana since 2.6.2014). Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY) has been adopted as a strategic process to ensure effective utilization of available financial resources under TSP.

Following educational schemes for STs are also being administered:

1. Umbrella Scheme (consisting of following sub-schemes)
  - a. Pre - Matric Scholarships for ST students
  - b. Post Matric Scholarships for ST students
  - c. Constructions of Hostels for ST Boys & Girls
  - d. Ashram Schools
  - e. Vocational Training Centre
2. National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students consisting of following sub-schemes:
  - a. Top Class Education for ST students
  - b. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST students

3. National Overseas Scholarships for ST students.
4. Following schemes are also implemented by MoTA:
  - (i) Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP.
  - (ii) Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes.
  - (iii) Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe Girls in Low Literacy Districts.
  - (iv) Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)
  - (v) Research Information & Mass Education, Tribal Festival and Others.

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**Annexures I and II referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred  
Parliament Question No.\*11 for answer on 25.04.2016.**

**Annexure I**

Per 1000 distribution of ST households by household type of each State / UT

Rural

State / UT	Self-employed in			Regular wage/ salary earning	Casual labour in			Others	All (incl. Not Reported)
	Agriculture	Non-agri culture	Sub total		Agriculture	Non-agri culture	Sub total		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Andhra Pradesh	342	82	424	52	379	48	427	98	1000
Arunachal Pradesh	722	51	774	136	2	9	11	79	1000
Assam	526	219	745	44	103	52	155	55	1000
Bihar	237	84	322	30	396	60	457	192	1000
Chhattisgarh	562	31	593	59	246	37	283	64	1000
Delhi	0	0	0	1000	0	0	0	0	1000
Goa	4	340	344	394	40	223	263	0	1000
Gujarat	466	77	543	58	294	53	347	52	1000
Haryana	149	163	313	90	0	359	359	238	1000
Himachal Pradesh	393	136	529	171	0	264	264	36	1000
Jammu & Kashmir	291	129	420	252	39	258	297	32	1000
Jharkhand	570	81	652	32	71	167	238	79	1000
Karnataka	397	52	450	64	358	70	428	58	1000
Kerala	132	89	221	132	415	212	627	20	1000
Madhya Pradesh	396	38	435	56	297	164	461	48	1000
Maharashtra	315	33	348	54	402	105	508	90	1000
Manipur	532	194	726	212	27	13	40	22	1000
Meghalaya	439	207	646	153	112	52	164	37	1000
Mizoram	698	108	807	153	0	27	27	14	1000
Nagaland	578	123	701	218	0	4	4	77	1000
Odisha	395	138	533	42	233	160	393	32	1000
Punjab	0	656	656	0	0	344	344	0	1000
Rajasthan	415	57	473	37	38	426	464	27	1000
Sikkim	569	85	654	236	0	74	75	35	1000
Tamil Nadu	306	8	314	81	342	80	422	183	1000
Tripura	296	157	453	67	53	351	404	71	1000
Uttarakhand	350	381	731	69	26	60	86	114	1000
Uttar Pradesh	401	188	589	83	97	142	240	88	1000
West Bengal	193	78	272	78	518	106	623	27	1000
A & N Islands	618	12	630	249	49	0	49	72	1000
Chandigarh	0	0	0	1000	0	0	0	0	1000
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	255	59	314	318	8	130	138	230	1000
Daman & Diu	69	0	69	874	56	0	56	0	1000
Lakshadweep	30	117	147	424	61	191	252	176	1000
Puducherry	0	0	0	0	1000	0	1000	0	1000
<b>All India</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1000</b>

Source: NSS Report No.563: Employment and unemployment situation among social groups in India, 2011-12

## Annexure II

### Per 1000 distribution of ST households by household type of each State / UT

Urban

State/UT	Self employed	Regular wage / salary earning	Casual labour	others	All (incl. Not Reported)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Andhra Pradesh	200	491	142	167	1000
Arunachal Pradesh	222	609	74	95	1000
Assam	412	437	7	144	1000
Bihar	569	98	333	0	1000
Chhattisgarh	211	330	298	161	1000
Delhi	326	608	66	0	1000
Goa	101	899	0	0	1000
Gujarat	219	454	154	173	1000
Haryana	160	198	623	19	1000
Himachal Pradesh	205	102	0	693	1000
Jammu & Kashmir	154	502	83	261	1000
Jharkhand	178	361	205	255	1000
Karnataka	211	328	264	196	1000
Kerala	96	622	141	141	1000
Madhya Pradesh	125	491	230	152	1000
Maharashtra	145	581	128	147	1000
Manipur	543	233	33	192	1000
Meghalaya	252	455	132	161	1000
Mizoram	348	520	72	59	1000
Nagaland	223	643	19	115	1000
Odisha	143	289	389	179	1000
Punjab	370	630	0	0	1000
Rajasthan	141	466	214	179	1000
Sikkim	394	357	0	249	1000
Tamil Nadu	171	432	384	13	1000
Tripura	122	397	9	472	1000
Uttarakhand	74	288	0	638	1000
Uttar Pradesh	220	627	69	84	1000
West Bengal	100	518	179	203	1000
A & N Islands	0	825	0	175	1000
Chandigarh	829	171	0	0	1000
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	243	663	94	0	1000
Daman & Diu	0	533	467	0	1000
Lakshadweep	234	564	89	113	1000
Puducherry	0	1000	0	0	1000
<b>All India</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>1000</b>

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