

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.80**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.04.2016

**BRANDING OF TRIBALS**

80. SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the cumulative number of tribal children branded in various States of the country along with the names of the States having the highest number of tribal population;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any measures to curb such incidents and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the tribal regions of such States including posts of doctors in PHCs filled during the last year, State/UT-wise along with the total number of Anganwadi and ASHA workers deployed in the tribal dominated regions of the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Ministry has a headcount of traditional healers in various States across the county and if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Ministry has any plan to do so; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to increase awareness amongst tribal population about the harmful effects of branding and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI JUAL ORAM)

- (a) & (b) The States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh have major concentration of tribal population in the country. The information relating cumulative number of children, if any, branded in States, is not centrally maintained by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. There are statutory Acts/guidelines of Government of India for protecting rights of children.
- (c) The details of total number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the tribal areas (State-wise), doctors strength in these areas and number of Anganwadi and ASHA workers deployed in the country including the tribal areas is at **Annexure-I**.
- (d) The details of traditional healers in the country are not available centrally with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. However, the Ministry is propagating to the States/UTs the documentation of tribal medicine and medicinal plants / practices not only as very useful medical practices but also for the sake of bio-diversity and also for preservation of India's rich heritage.
- (e) Government of India from time to time through print, electronic and social media provides awareness for various programmatic /schematic interventions on pan India basis including for the tribal population. This includes awareness /advisories on health issues and for utilizing the health infrastructure etc.

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Statement referred to in reply to part (c) of LSUSQ No. 80 for 25.4.2016 on “Branding of Tribals”.

NUMBER OF PHCs IN TRIBAL AREAS			
S.No.	State/ UT	(As on 31st March, 2015)	
		Tribal Population in Rural Areas	PHCs
1	Andhra Pradesh	2293102	130
2	Arunachal Pradesh #	789846	117
3	Assam	3665405	283
4	Bihar+	1270851	6
5	Chhattisgarh	7231082	411
6	Goa	87639	8
7	Gujarat	8021848	382
8	Haryana *	0	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	374392	43
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1406833	48
11	Jharkhand	7868150	160
12	Karnataka	3429791	64
13	Kerala	433092	137
14	Madhya Pradesh	14276874	332
15	Maharashtra	9006077	315
16	Manipur^	791126	45
17	Meghalaya #	2136891	110
18	Mizoram #	507467	57
19	Nagaland #	1306838	128
20	Odisha++	8994967	426
21	Punjab *	0	0
22	Rajasthan	8693123	210
23	Sikkim	167146	12
24	Tamil Nadu	660280	66
25	Telangana	2939027	93
26	Tripura	1117566	45
27	Uttarakhand	264819	10
28	Uttar Pradesh	1031076	NA
29	West Bengal	4855115	304
30	A&N Island	26715	4
31	Chandigarh *	0	0
32	D&N Haveli #	150944	7
33	Daman & Diu	7617	0
34	Delhi *	0	0
35	Lakshadweep# <sup>(2)</sup>	13463	4
36	Puducherry *	0	0
	<b>India</b>	<b>93819162</b>	<b>3957</b>

Notes: The requirement is calculated using the prescribed norms on the basis of rural population from Census, 2011. All India shortfall is derived by adding state-wise figures of shortfall ignoring the existing surplus in some of the states.

R: Required; P: In Position; S: Shortfall; \*\*: Surplus, \*: State / UT has no separate Tribal Area / Population;

#: States are predominantly tribal areas

++ State informed that there are 23 other hospitals functioning in tribal area which are equal to PHCs level facilities

<sup>2</sup> The population is less than the norm (CHC) of 80,000.

^ Data for 2013-14 repeated

+ Data for 2010 repeated

NA - Data not available

DOCTORS <sup>2</sup> AT PHCs IN TRIBAL AREA						
S.No.	State/UT	(As on 31st March, 2015)				
		Required <sup>1</sup>	Sanctioned	In Position	Vacant	Shortfall
		[R]	[S]	[P]	[S-P]	[R-P]
1	Andhra Pradesh	130	291	270	21	**
2	Arunachal Pradesh #	117	NA	102	NA	15
3	Assam	283	NA	200	NA	83
4	Bihar@	6	1	1	0	5
5	Chhattisgarh	411	366	156	210	255
6	Goa	8	19	18	1	**
7	Gujarat+	382	679	271	408	111
8	Haryana *	0	0	0	0	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	43	60	45	15	**
10	Jammu & Kashmir++	48	38	76	**	**
11	Jharkhand	160	160	160	0	0
12	Karnataka	64	64	38	26	26
13	Kerala	137	227	229	**	**
14	Madhya Pradesh	332	360	299	61	33
15	Maharashtra	315	370	352	18	**
16	Manipur^	45	130	75	55	**
17	Meghalaya #	110	128	114	14	**
18	Mizoram #	57	152	49	103	8
19	Nagaland #	128	108	133	**	**
20	Odisha^	426	426	221	205	205
21	Punjab *	0	0	0	0	0
22	Rajasthan	210	293	245	48	-35
23	Sikkim##	12	20	15	5	**
24	Tamil Nadu	66	128	98	30	**
25	Telangana	93	211	196	15	**
26	Tripura	45	135	135	0	**
27	Uttarakhand	10	10	12	**	**
28	Uttar Pradesh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
29	West Bengal+	304	909	765	144	**
30	A & N Islands	4	9	6	3	**
31	Chandigarh *	0	0	0	0	0
32	D & N Haveli #	7	6	8	**	**
33	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0
34	Delhi *	0	0	0	0	0
35	Lakshadweep#	4	9	9	0	**
36	Puducherry *	0	0	0	0	0

Notes:

+ Data for 2013 repeated

++ Sanctioned data for 2012 used

# States with predominantly tribal areas

NA: Not Available.

@ Data for 2010 repeated

\*: State / UT has no separate Tribal Area / Population

\*\* Surplus

## Sanctioned data for 2011 used

<sup>1</sup> One per Primary Health Centre

<sup>2</sup> Allopathic Doctors

^ Data for 2013-14 repeated

**Number of ASHA selected under NRHM**

<b>Sl.no.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>As on Sept'15</b>
1	Bihar	85272
2	Chhatisgarh	66713
3	Himachal Pradesh	24440
4	Jammu & Kashmir	11686
5	Jharkhand	40964
6	Madhya Pradesh	60400
7	Orissa	44583
8	Rajasthan	52173
9	Uttar Pradesh	139928
10	Uttarakhand	11086
11	Arunachal Pradesh	3827
12	Assam	30730
13	Manipur	3959
14	Meghalaya	6354
15	Mizoram	987
16	Nagaland	1887
17	Sikkim	666
18	Tripura	7590
19	Andhra Pradesh	42681
20	Goa	0
21	Gujarat	35774
22	Haryana	17404
23	Karnataka	41497
24	Kerala	31829
25	Maharashtra	59118
26	Punjab	18593
27	Tamil Nadu	3905
28	Telangana	28439
29	West Bengal	51080
30	A&N Island	407
31	Chandigarh	50
32	D&N Haveli	241
33	Daman & Diu	78
34	Delhi	6796
35	Lakshadweep	102
36	Puducherry	0
<b>All India</b>		<b>931239</b>

Source : MIS report

STATUS REPORT OF THE ICDS AS ON 31ST DECEMBER 2015  
( SANCTIONED, IN-POSITION AND VACANT POSTS)

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Anganwadi Workers			No. of Anganwadi Helpers		
		Sanctioned by GOI	In-position	Vacant	Sanctioned by GOI	In-position	Vacant
1	Andhra Pradesh	55607	53962	1645	48768	44285	4483
2	Telangana	35700	33317	2383	31711	28913	2798
3	Arunachal Pradesh	6225	6028	197	6225	6028	197
4	Assam	62153	62153	0	56728	56728	0
5	Bihar	115009	82761	32248	107894	77156	30738
6	Chhattisgarh	52474	48632	3842	46660	42329	4331
7	Goa	1262	1237	25	1262	1238	24
8	Gujarat	53029	50540	2489	51229	47817	3412
9	Haryana	25962	25078	884	25450	24681	769
10	Himachal Pradesh	18925	18703	222	18386	18119	267
11	Jammu & Kashmir	31938	28707	3231	31938	29599	2339
12	Jharkhand	38432	35765	2667	35881	33493	2388
13	Karnataka	65911	63186	2725	62580	59026	3554
14	Kerala	33318	33110	208	33189	32971	218
15	Madhya Pradesh	97135	90870	6265	84465	78704	5761
16	Maharashtra	110486	105262	5224	97475	92128	5347
17	Manipur	11510	10274	1236	9958	9497	461
18	Meghalaya	5896	5862	34	4630	4621	9
19	Mizoram	2244	2244	0	2244	2157	87
20	Nagaland	3980	3455	525	3980	3455	525
21	Odisha	74154	68865	5289	63738	59507	4231
22	Punjab	27314	26318	996	26074	25128	946
23	Rajasthan	62010	57819	4191	55806	50516	5290
24	Sikkim	1308	1289	19	1308	1285	23
25	Tamil Nadu	54439	42006	12433	49499	37410	12089
26	Tripura	10145	9911	234	10145	9911	234
27	Uttar Pradesh	190145	175308	14837	167855	153585	14270
28	Uttrakhand	20067	18988	1079	14947	13939	1008
29	West Bengal	119481	108000	11481	119481	101897	17584
30	A & N Islands	720	717	3	689	689	0
31	Chandigarh	500	500	0	500	500	0
32	Delhi	11150	10806	344	11150	10897	253
33	Dadra & N Haveli	302	302	0	247	220	27
34	Daman & Diu	107	96	11	107	102	5
35	Lakshadweep	107	107	0	96	96	0
36	Puducherry	855	788	67	855	788	67
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1400000</b>	<b>1282966</b>	<b>117034</b>	<b>1283150</b>	<b>1159415</b>	<b>123735</b>