GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS) LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3612 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2016

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC RIGHTS OF TRIBALS

3612. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA: SHRI KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Government has received any representations regarding violation of economic and demographic rights of tribals in the country;

(b) if so, the number of representations received in this regard during the last three years and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether a number of such representations are pending with the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government for their expeditious settlement?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANTSINGH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR)

(a): Ministry of Tribal Affairs has received representations from time to time on issues relating to educational schemes including scholarships being given to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students, inclusion/exclusion of any community in / from the list of Scheduled Tribes of a State / UT, implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, funds released under various schemes of the Ministry to States/UTs and Voluntary Organizations.

(b) to (d):The Ministry receives representations/grievances directly through the Centralized Public Grievance and Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS). The status of grievances received online through CPGRAMS during the last three financial years is as under:-

| Year | No. of | No. of | Total Receipts | Cases disposed |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | grievances | grievances | | of during the |
| | brought forward | received during | | period |
| | | the period | | |
| 2013-2014 | 103 | 264 | 367 | 349 |
| 2014-2015 | 18 | 491 | 509 | 447 |
| 2015-2016 | 62 | 777 | 839 | 718 |

As on 4th August, 2016, in addition to above brought forward 121 grievances from the financial year 2015-2016, 259 new grievances were received during the current financial year. A total of 257 grievances have been disposed of with closing balance of 123. The representations are processed as per extant guidelines on the issues raised and are appropriately addressed.