

**Direct Central Assistance to States  
for ITDP**

**310. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK :** Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan to give directly the Special Central Assistance to the states so that it could be utilised for the tribal population within and outside the Integrated Tribal Development Projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON) :** (a) and (b). According to the existing procedure Special Central Assistance for Tribal sub-Plan is already being sanctioned directly to the States for ITDPs, MADA pockets, elusters, Primitive Tribes Projects and for Tribals residing outside the project areas.

(c) Dose not arise.

**Extinction of "Sawaria Paharia"  
tribe of Santhal Pargana**

**311. SHRI R. P. DAS :** Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government are aware of the fact that "Sawaria Paharia" a tribe of the Santhal Pargana have been virtually facing extinction due to their socio-economic conditions resulting in fatal diseases caused by malnutrition and use of polluted water; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to save them from extinction ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON) :** (a) There is no positive evidence to indicate that the Sauria Paharias of Santhal Pargana are declining in

population. The population of Sauria Paharia in Bihar as registered in 1961 Census was 55,606 and in 1971 Census was 59,047 showing an increasing trend. The tribe-wise population figure of 1981 Census is not yet finalised. However as per provisional figure received from Registrar General of India the Sauria Paharia population stands at 19,481 as per 1981 Census. A preliminary survey conducted by Bihar Tribal Welfare Research Institute, Ranchi indicated that there had been some cross-enumeration of different Paharia groups. This was supported by the fact that population of other Paharia group known as the Mal Paharia increased by about 98 per cent between 1971 and 1981 Census, i.e. from 48,636 to 96,135. Registrar General of India has also stated that some Sauria Paharia might have been erroneously returned under Mal Paharia.

(b) The Sauria Paharias have been identified as a primitive tribal group for according special treatment for their development. The Government of India provided Special Central Assistance of about Rs. 207.68 lakhs during the Sixth Five Year Plan and Rs. 180.13 lakhs during the first three years of Seventh Five Year Plan for taking up developmental programmes for 5 primitive tribal groups in the State including Sauria Paharia. The State Health Department, Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon of the District have been directed by the State Government to take up necessary health care measures for the Sauria Paharias.

**Launching of Satellite**

**312 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India propose to launch a satellite in the near future;

(b) if so, the details as to where it is being manufactured, time of delivery and the total cost involved; and

(c) whether the new satellite is to be launched as a substitute for any other satellite; and if so, the details thereof ?