

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY TRIFED
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the functions performed by TRIFED in Orissa, specifically in backward areas;
- (b) whether any collection centers have been set up to procure Minor Forest Produce in order to enable the tribals to get remunerative prices for their produce; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the assistance provided to the tribals in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

a), b) & c) The main objective of TRIFED is to ensure remunerative prices to products grown/collected by the tribal farmers. In Orissa, TRIFED launched its procurement operations at the grass root level at Sundergarh, Kalahandi, Jeypore, Koraput, Keonjhar. The operations are also undertaken through State level agencies like Orissa State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation. A number of procurement centers have been opened by the State level agency (OSTDCC), on behalf of TRIFED at Parlakhamundi, R Udayagiri, Balliguda, Keonjhar, Lahuni para, Udal, Sundergarh, Rayagada, Muniguda, Bhawanipatna, Kashipur, Jeypore, Umerkote and Bundabeda. During the year 1999-2000 TRIFED has procured from Orissa 3043.41 MTs of minor forest produce valued at Rs. 196.44 lakhs. TRIFED has also distributed brood lac free of cost to 20 participants from Sundergarh on training of lac development. Besides, in order to encourage free trade of minor forest produce and to give remunerative prices to tribal farmers, a seminar was organized by TRIFED in Bhubaneswar on 23.06.2000.