GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:126
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2001
PRIMITIVE TRIBES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that 75 primitive tribal groups are facing threat of extinction;

(b) if so, the details of tribes whose population is on the decline;

(c) the population trend of primitive tribes during the last five years;

(d) the details of states where these tribes are living;

(e) whether it is a fact that the tribal concerns including indebtedness, land alienation, autonomy, displacement and forest linkages remain largely unaddressed;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(g) the steps taken by the Union Government to remove the demographic problems being faced by these tribes?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) to (g) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO REPLY IN PART (a) TO (g) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.126 31.07.2001

(a&b): No, Sir. However, according to 1981 and 1991 census, there has been decline in the population of the following primitive tribal groups(PTGs):

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State   Community   Population


      1981    1991


Karnataka Jenukuruba   34747   29371
A&N Islands Shompens Great Andamanis 223     131
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(c & d) The population figures of Scheduled Tribes are compiled on the basis of Census data which are available once in every decade. However, data compiled for PTGs in respect of different States/UTs from 1961 to 1991 are indicated in the statement at Annexure-I

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) Various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented in the States/UTs for welfare and development

of PTGs. These efforts are also relevant to remove the demographic problems of these groups. The National Commission on population has also constituted four sub-groups for detailed examination of the problems and formulation of concrete proposals.