

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of women voluntary organisations receiving assistance from the Central Fund particularly in the tribal and dalit dominated areas of various States in the country including Pandharpur Region of Maharashtra alongwith the details thereof; and

(b) the schemes formulated by these women voluntary organisations for the social upliftment of women belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and the financial assistance provided during the last three years for this purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) & (b) The schemes under which financial assistance is provided to voluntary organizations largely cover all sections of the society irrespective of religion, sex, caste or creed. However, there is a scheme specifically for tribal women under which financial assistance is provided to NGOs for running Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas and Vocational Training in Tribal Areas. The financial assistance provided and the number of voluntary organisations assisted including those in tribal areas of Maharashtra under this scheme during the last three years is as under:-

Sl. No. of NGOs assisted                      Amount released (Rs. in crore)

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	
1.	134	3.60	1.84	1.02