

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5390  
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JABALI SCHEME PROJECT  
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government have cleared Jabli Scheme/project sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh which envisages all round development of Banchra, Bediya and Sansi castes, traditionally engaged in flesh trade in Madhya Pradesh after freeing them from this evil practice;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay in clearing it; and

(c) the time by which the above scheme/project is likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has started a scheme called Jabali in 1992-93. The objective of this scheme is to assist voluntary organisations to take up activities for the welfare and development of women and child victims of commercial sexual exploitation so as to eliminate commercial sexual exploitation. The scheme is mainly targetted at the women and children in those caste/tribes where there is social acceptance and even collusion by the male members with the commercial sexual exploitation of their women. The scheme has five components:

- i) running of Boarding Schools for children or women victims;
- ii) setting up protective homes for young girls;
- iii) providing women victims benefits for income generation and economic rehabilitation;
- iv) creation of public awareness through information, education and publicity; and
- v) health check ups and treatment.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.