

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BACKWARD PEOPLE  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the employment opportunities in the highly backward areas of Chhota Udepur in Gujarat State are abysmally low;
- (b) if so, the details of employment potential in the region; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide employment to the backward people of this region?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JUAL ORAM)

- (a) The information is not being maintained by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- (b) Do not arise.

(c) Chhota Udepur is covered under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) area and the TSP strategies being followed for the socio-economic development of the area. Special Central Assistance is also given by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to Gujarat, which is a TSP State, and it serves as an additive to fill the gaps in the financial outlays of the State for socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes. Special Central Assistance is basically meant for family oriented income generating schemes in identified sectors including village and small industries. Besides, the National SC and ST Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) provides financial assistance at concessional rates of interest for viable income generating schemes to benefit SCs and STs through State Channelising Agencies and other recognized institutions nominated by respective State Governments/U.T. Administrators. NSFDC also provides grants for skill development programmes for employments/self-employment of SCs and STs.