

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:336  
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2002  
PURCHASE OF TRIBAL PRODUCTS BY TRIFED  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) has finalized the plans to purchase all tribal products in different States from the next financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of purchasing centres of TRIFED in the near future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the plans of TRIFED to encourage better production of all varieties of forest produce by the tribals;
- (f) whether any financial assistance is likely to be given to States to achieve such plans;
- (g) if so, the details of plans of TRIFED in this regard;
- (h) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the number of items purchased by TRIFED every year;
- (i) if so, the criteria adopted in this regard; and
- (j) its likely impact on the economic development of the tribals?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a)&(b): TRIFED has finalized a plan for procurement of Major non-nationalized MFP items worth Rs.640.54 lakhs for the financial year 2002-03 from different States. A copy of the state-wise procurement budget is at Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): The procurement centres are finalized by the respective State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations depending upon their infrastructure and viability of forest produce. TRIFED procures mainly through the State TDCs and their procurement centres. TRIFED also procures directly. This depends on the exigencies as envisaged by TRIFED.

(e): It has been the efforts of TRIFED to increase the yield and improve the quality of production of MFP such as Lac, Gum Karaya and Medicinal Herbs. TRIFED has distributed Brood Lac free of cost in the States of Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Madhya Pradesh and organized training courses for the tribal beneficiaries. Similarly TRIFED has imparted training on Gum Karaya Tapping, cultivation, preservation, processing and marketing of Medicinal Herbs and other MFP items so that tribals are benefited. TRIFED has also provided financial support for plantation of Gum Karaya in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat.

(f)&(g): Yes, Sir. TRIFED has already released a sum of Rs.7.02 lakhs to Andhra Pradesh and Rs.1.00 lakhs to Gujarat for Gum Karaya plantation. Further amounts can be released only on receipt of the Utilization Certificates from the concerned States.

(h) to (j): Procurement will depend on commercial viability and marketability to products.

**ANNEXURE-I**

STATEMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 336 FOR 16.04.2002

STATE-WISE PROCUREMENT FOR MFP FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2002-03

Name of the State      Procurement Value (Rs. in Lakhs)

Gujarat                      74.00

Madhya Pradesh	17.20	
Orissa	95.80	
Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala	25.00	
North Eastern States	120.00	
Andhra Pradesh	92.50	
Chattisgarh	196.50	
Jharkhand	19.54	

Total	640.54	
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