

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NOMADIC LIFE
KHAGEN DAS

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of tribes are still living nomadic life;
- (b) if so, State-wise names of such tribals and their total population; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to educate them and settle them permanently?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) to (c) The `nomadic tribes` have been categorized as Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Tribes, etc. based on their socio-economic condition in their respective States/UTs. Though there is no specific scheme for `Nomadic tribes` but they are entitled to the benefits and concessions available under various schemes of the Government in accordance with their categorization as Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Tribes as the case may be.