

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:270
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GRAIN BANK SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to set up and expand/revive the Grain bank Scheme in the tribal areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the main objectives of the scheme;
- (c) the number of villages where grain banks exist at present and the amount being spent thereon, State-wise;
- (d) the coverage made under the scheme as on date;
- (e) the number of tribal villages where the grain banks are proposed to be set up in future and the amount likely to be spent thereon;
- (f) whether the grain bank scheme is likely to be extended to non-tribal areas also;
- (g) if so, the details thereof;
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (i) the steps taken to achieve the goal within a fixed time frame?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

- (a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Grain Bank in tribal villages since 1996-97 in 13 States. Recently the Standing Committee of Union Ministers and Chief Ministers on Food Management and Agricultural Export has recommended to expand the scheme with some modifications in 1,14,000 tribal villages in drought and migration prone areas and in other tribal areas in first phase.
- (b) to (e) Details of the existing scheme are enclosed as statement.
- (f) to (i) The proposed expanded scheme is yet to be approved by the Government.