

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4359
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
CONVERSION OF TRIBAL DOMINATED BLOCKS ITDP IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal of converting some more tribal-dominated blocks of Orissa to ITDP blocks and some more pockets so dominated by the tribals as MADA area;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the programme of Central assistance for dispersed tribal areas of Orissa has not been extended with any assistance and as a result of which the dispersed tribals are in great distress; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government for the development and improvement of the tribals in those areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

- (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for Constitution of a new Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) was received from Government of Orissa. The State Government has been requested to prepare the proposal for creation of new to ITDA taking into consideration the local natural endowment in the area and the occupational pursuits, skills and aptitude of the Tribal Communities.
- (c) and (d) No, Sir. A part of Special Central Assistance (SCA) is utilized by the State Government of Orissa for implementation of various socio-economic programmes of dispersed tribals in the State. In addition, funds under Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are also provided for development of Scheduled Tribes, including dispersed tribals in the State.