

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1190

ANSWERED ON:21.08.2007

CONDITION OF FOREST DWELLERS

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

- (a) the number of people living in the forests in the country and number of tribal people out of them;
- (b) the number of persons permitted to live in the forest and the number of tribal and non-tribal persons out of them;
- (c) whether the tribals have also been permitted to earn their livelihood in the forests;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether any study has been conducted of late to know the reasons behind poor financial conditions of the forest dwellers and tribals in the country; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

- (a) & (b): Demographic details in respect of people living in the forests in the country are maintained by the respective State/Union Territory Governments.
- (c) to (e): In view of reply to parts (a) and (b) above, this information is not available.
- (f) & (g): No, Sir. There are various reasons for the poor financial condition of the forest dwellers and tribals in the country, like, geographical isolation, lack of connectivity, non-availability of basic amenities, lack of skills, education and awareness, absence of supportive infrastructure and administration, etc