

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4694  
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GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON ST WELFARE  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the total expenditure on welfare of Scheduled Tribes has not been more than one per cent of the total allocation in any of the past four budgets;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has analysed the reasons with a view to give more allocations for Scheduled Tribe welfare during 2008-09; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a) So far as the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is concerned, the details of the budgetary allocations made for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in the last four financial years (2004-05 to 2007-08) and the expenditure incurred during the said period are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Budget Estimates (BE)	Revised Estimates (RE)	Actual Expenditure (AE)	% of AE w.r.t. BE
2004-05	1146.00	1069.45	1053.06	91.89%
2005-06	1498.82	1398.82	1391.95	92.86%
2006-07	1656.90	1652.68	1647.73	99.44%
2007-08	1719.71	1719.71	1524.88	88.67%

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) & (d): During 2008-09, a budget allocation of Rs.2121.00 crores has been approved by the Planning Commission for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes, which is 23.33% increase over the allocation made during the last financial year, 2007-08.