

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDING OF TRIBAL EMPOWERMENT AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any foreign agency is funding the tribal empowerment and livelihood programme in Orissa; and  
(b) if so the details thereof along with the funds provided by such agencies?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a specialized agency of the United Nations is funding Orissa Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Programme (OTELP) for the following activities:

# empowering the tribals and enabling them to enhance their food security to increase their incomes;

# improved overall quality of their livelihoods;

# capacity building of local communities;

# enhance access and productivity of land, water and forests, encourage off-farm enterprise;

# ensure food security to local community;

# strengthen institutional capacity for improved delivery system;

# build on indigenous knowledge and blend with technological innovations and encourage development of pro-tribal environment in the State.

The total cost of this programme is USD 91.2 million. Out of this, the contribution of Government of Orissa is USD 9.6 million.