

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1086
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SHORTAGE OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the States have shortage of funds for tribal welfare schemes;
- (b) if so, whether the Central Government proposes to provide funds for above schemes to State; (
- (c) if so, the funds proposed to be provided by the Central Government for the above schemes to various States particularly to Bihar; and
- (d) the manner in which the Central Government proposes to help the tribals?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

- (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Ashram Schools for STs, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides construction grant to the State Govts. on 50:50 sharing basis. No grant is provided for computer Centres in these Ashram Schools.
- (a) No such case has come to the notice of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise.
- (d) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements several Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored schemes/Programmes for the socio-economic development of tribals in all the States/Union Territories. The details of these schemes are available in the Ministry's Annual Report as well as on the Website (www.tribal.nic.in). These schemes help the tribals by way of their income and employment generation, infrastructure development, educational development and improvement in literacy. Some schemes also ensure fair prices for the minor forest produce and food security for the tribals.