

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1114
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRIBALS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a National Conference on Tribals and Indigenous People has been held recently;
- (b) if so, whether the Conference opposed the attempts at mainstreaming and assimilation of the tribal people in the name of development; and
- (c) if so, the stand of the Union Government in response to such criticism?

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) The Ministry did not hold any such seminar. However, a seminar on the subject was held in October, 2004 by a Non-Governmental Organisation at Delhi.

(b)&(c) . Proceedings of the Seminar have not been received in the Ministry.

However the draft policy will be discussed through Seminars with peoples representatives, scholars, social workers etc, before being finalized. Meanwhile an additional draft national policy for tribals has been circulated.