

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1138  
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INSURANCE SCHEME FOR PRIMITIVE TRIBES  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated an insurance scheme for primitive tribal groups;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of other welfare schemes under consideration of the Union Government for the welfare of socio-economic backward sections?

**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) & (b): The Ministry has been implementing, among others, a Central Sector Scheme of Development of Primitive Tribal Groups since 1998-99. The Ministry has released an amount of Rs.5.00 crores to 16 State Governments for providing insurance coverage under Janshree Bima Yojana of Life Insurance Corporation of India to one lakh families belonging to Primitive Tribal Groups from the funds available under the aforesaid existing scheme during 2004-05.

(c) The Ministry has been implementing various welfare schemes for the socio- economic development of Scheduled Tribes, details of which are given in the Annual Report of the Ministry for the year 2003-04. However, there is no new scheme under consideration of the Ministry at present.