

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:261
ANSWERED ON:03.07.2009
DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme for the development of forest villages in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated for the development of forest villages during each of the last three years;
- (d) the details of forest villages developed so far and the number of forest villages proposed to be included during the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the number of people benefited during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (Dr. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a), (b), (c) (d) & (e): The programme for Development of Forest Villages was launched in 2005-06, during the Tenth Plan. Under the programme, infrastructure work relating to basic services and facilities viz. approach roads, healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls, etc. and activities related to livelihood are taken up for implementation.

There are 2,474 forest villages/ habitations in the country, spread over 12 States and so far proposals covering 2,413 forest villages in 12 States have been approved and Rs. 60876.26 lakh has been released. Details of the funds released under the programme during the last three years are given in the statement below. Funding of villages during the current year would be based on proposals received from the States and utilisation of funds released so far.

S.No.	State	Total No.	No. of	Fund Released
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	of Forest villages	06-07	07-08	8-09
	Villages for which			
	projects			
	approved			

1	Assam	499	498	1817.42	0.00	4696.05
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2	Chhattisgarh	425	422	4161.37	1034.00	0.00
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3	Gujarat	199	199	1434.38	593.62	0.00
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4	Jharkhand	24	24	173.87	0.00	0.00
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5	Meghalaya	23	23	390.71	0.00	0.00
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6 Madhya Pradesh 893 867 10472.42 2829.006502.50

7 Mizoram 85 85 1317.50 190.00435.00

8 Orissa 20 20 133.46 0.0018 0.00

9 Tripura 62 62 930.00 0.0 558.00

10 Uttarakhand 61 41 566.96 0.00 0.00

11 Uttar Pradesh 13 2 0.00 0.00 30.00

12 West Bengal 170 170 699.00 0.00 2550.00

Total 2474 2413