

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO TRIBALS LIVING IN FORESTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided facilities to the tribals living in forests for carrying out forest related works;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any review has been made by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per the information received from Ministry of Environment & Forests, the Government is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining lands through two-tier set up namely Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) at division level and Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMCs) at village level. The people including tribals participate in implementation of the programme. This is centrally sponsored scheme with 100% central funding which covers the models like Aided Natural Regeneration, Artificial Regeneration, Pasture Development Bamboo Plantation, Planting of Canes, Mixed Plantation of trees having medicinal values and regeneration of perennial herbs and shrubs of medicinal values. These models/ interventions cover the activities like plantation, their maintenance, soil and moisture conservation, monitoring and evaluation, micro planning, fencing, awareness raising and entry point activities.

National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for afforestation and related activities has also been taken up with National Afforestation Programme of Ministry of Environment & Forests to share resources and technology to achieve the synergy in Government programmes.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): There has been concurrent and independent evaluation of the projects implemented. In addition, mid-term evaluation of the programme has been carried out by the India Council of Forest Research and Education (ICFRE) and area coverage and survival percentage by the Forest survey of India.

(e): The evaluators have indicated satisfactory progress of implementation.