

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FOREST VILLAGES IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of forest villages developed in the State of Assam alongwith the details of infrastructure installed or put in place in such villages during the last three years;
- (b) the financial assistance released during the same period for the purpose; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for proper and timely execution of the projects?

Answer

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

(a) &(b): There are 499 forest villages in Assam, the State Government has submitted proposal for the development of 498 forest villages. Under the programme of Development of forest villages, infrastructure work relating to basic services and facilities viz. approach roads, healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls, etc. are taken up. So far Rs. 10572.47 lakh has been released to Assam under the programme, out of which Rs. 4696.05 lakh has been released to the State during the last three years.

(c): The Tribal Development/ Welfare Department of the State Government is to monitor the progress of and the timely implementation of projects for the development of forest villages carried out by Forest Development Agencies (FDAs). The Ministry of Environment and Forests also monitors the progress on receipt of the report of the State Government and their principal Chief Conservator of Forests. Utilization of funds is monitored through submission of the utilisation certificates.