

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5678
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EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the developmental schemes implemented in the tribal areas have benefitted the women and girls;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the further steps to be taken in this regard for future ?

Answer

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

(a): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing the gender-specific scheme of "Strengthening Education among ST girls in low literacy districts", which benefits those living in 54 identified low literacy districts or any tribal block which has ST population of 25% and above with ST female literacy rate below 35%.

(b): The details of funds released during 2008-09 and 2009-10 and the number of beneficiaries are given below:

Year Amount released Number of beneficiaries
(Rs. in crores)

2008-09	40.00	26272
2009-10	33.50	21146

(c): The scheme will continue benefitting ST girls in 2010-11 as well.