

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE OF TRIBES

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study/survey was conducted to ascertain the population of various tribes living in the forest areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the basis/criteria followed by the Government in undertaking the tribal welfare works?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No Madam. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not conducted any study/survey to ascertain the population of various tribes living in the forest areas of the country. The demographic details in respect of people residing in the forest areas are maintained by the respective States/Union Territory Governments. The other information regarding such communities, wherever available, is collected from National Statistical Data and from relevant Ministries.

(c) : The criteria followed by the Government in undertaking tribal welfare work is based on the Scheduled Tribe population of a state and also their level of development vis-à-vis general population. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs supports and supplements through financial assistance the efforts of other Central Ministries, the State Governments and voluntary organizations to fill critical gaps by way of various developmental interventions in critical sectors through developmental schemes.