

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL HILLY RURAL AND BACKWARD REGION

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various State Governments including Maharashtra have submitted proposals to the Union Government for development of tribal rural, hilly and backward regions in their States during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details of proposals especially relating to tribal areas, Statewise;
- (c) whether the Government has approved or is contemplating to approve the proposed schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the scheme-wise amount of funds earmarked in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIV. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): No new proposal has been received from any State Government including Maharashtra apart from the proposals received under the continuing programmes in the last three years and the current year. However, various programmes for development of hill areas, backward regions and tribals are being implemented. Hill Area development Programme / Western Ghats Development Programme is being implemented in the development of ecologically fragile designated hill areas of Assam, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu and designated western ghat talukas of Goa, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu since the Fifth Five Year Plan. Backward Regions Grant Fund, which is being implemented for development of backward regions since 2006-07, has two components, namely, Special Plans for Bihar and the KBK (Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput) districts of Orissa and Districts Component covering 250 backward districts of 27 States. In addition, programmes for development of tribals such as Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub- Plan, Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution and development programmes for Scheduled Tribes are also being implemented. All these programmes are continuing programmes and proposals under these continuing programmes are being received in the shape of Annual Action Plans and for release of funds since the inception of these programmes.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.