

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CREATION OF OPPORTUNITIES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the opportunities created under various schemes for the benefit of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the country and specially for Dadra and Nagar Haveli during the financial year 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010;
- (b) the number of ST families benefited from these schemes during the above period and the total funds disbursed to the different projects;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide the multi level training for tribals in areas like television repair, car driving, Housekeeping/hospitality etc ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) : The schemes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs under implementation are for all the States and UTs with tribal population, including Dadra and Nagar Haveli. Under these schemes, which supplement the efforts of the line Ministries, opportunities are created to be availed of by Scheduled Tribe population, for improvement of their socio economic condition primarily covering education and employment cum income generation activities. Also, in order to bridge the critical gaps in infrastructure in tribal areas and to bring the scheduled tribes at par with others and enhance their Human Development Index, grants are provided under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution to all ST populated States.

(b) : Under the schemes related to education, 46.85 lakhs students have benefited under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of ST students, 55345 seats have been created under the Scheme of Hostels for ST Girls and Boys, 36824 seats have been created under the Establishment of Ashram Schools Scheme, 27.14 lakh beneficiaries have been covered under the scheme of Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes, 68614 ST Girls have benefited under the scheme of Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts and 45.63 lakhs beneficiaries are covered under the scheme of Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, during the period 2006-07 to 2009-10. However, the Special Area Programmes do not lend themselves to easy quantification on account of the diverse nature of activities and long gestation periods. The details of funds disbursed under the important schemes/projects, during 2006-07 to 2009-10 are at Annexure-I.

(c)& (d): Under the scheme, 'Vocational Training in Tribal Areas', the tribal youth depending upon their educational qualification, present economic trends and the market potential, is provided training, in order to upgrade their skills, in various traditional/modern vocations which enables them to gain suitable employment or become self employed. Each tribal boy/girl is trained in one trade of his/her choice. 20015 tribal youth have benefited under the scheme during 2006-07 to 2009-10.