

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:297
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2010
DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMITIVE TRIBES
Ju Dev Shri Dilip Singh

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the population of primitive tribes is on the decline;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched a centrally sponsored programme "Development of Primitive Tribe Group", for the overall development of primitive tribes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the funds released and utilized for development of the tribes during the last three years; and
- (f) the outcome of development scheme, for the upliftment of such tribes?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid down on the Table of the House

Statement referred to in part (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 297 for 13.08.2010 regarding Development of Primitive Tribes asked by Shri Dilip Singh Judev.

(a) On the basis of the report received from the Registrar General of India, there is no indication that the total population of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) is declining in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) Scheme of 'Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups' is being implemented which is meant exclusively for the overall development of PTGs. This is a Central Sector Scheme. Activities under this scheme are being taken up as per the Conservation-cum-Development Plan (CCD) prepared by States. This plan is based on the requirement of PTGs as assessed by States.

(e) The funds released and utilized for development of the tribes during the last three years are furnished in the annexure of this question.

(f) This scheme has made available basic amenities such as housing, drinking water, road access, education and health facilities and vocational skills to PTG families. This scheme has also provided opportunities for PTGs to successfully engage themselves in income-generating activities.