

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRIBAL POPULATION UNDER BPL
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is estimated that 50 per cent of tribal population of the country is living below poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated for the development of the tribal areas of the country during the last three years and the amount actually spent therefrom along with the achievements thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): According to the large sample survey, consumer expenditure data of the NSS (61st Round, July, 2004 to June, 2005) Scheduled Tribe Below the Poverty Line is 47.3 % (Rural) and 33.3 % (Urban).

(c): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal Ministry for the development of Scheduled Tribes in the country. The details of fund allocation and expenditure incurred by the Ministry during the last three years is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget Estimates (BE)	Expenditure
2007-08	1719.70	1524.30
2008-09	2121.00	1805.90
2009-10	3205.50	1997.40