

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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GRAMSAT SCHEME

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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) the state-wise and district-wise details of amount spent yearly on `Gramsat Scheme` particularly in tribal districts during the last three years, till date;
- (b) the details of programmes broadcasted under this scheme;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to involve tribal people in these programmes to promote tribal culture in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES

(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

- (a) The expenditure on `GRAMSAT` scheme during the last 3 years is incurred by Government of Gujarat, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Government of Orissa and Government of Karnataka. ISRO's contribution has been to provide the necessary bandwidth for these States for the GRAM SAT project, and this amounts to an expenditure of approximately Rs. 3.00 crores per year during the last three years.
- (b) The details of the programmes broadcast under the scheme have been the purview of the concerned State Governments. Generally, they have been in the areas of mass education, fisheries, forest and environment and anganwadi workers' training.
- (c), (d) & (e) The State Governments formulate the programmes for transmission on the GRAM SAT network. These include programmes to promote tribal culture. The details of these programmes are not available with ISRO.