

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH CARE FOR TRIBALS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the rate of accessibility of tribal women to the facilities of primary health care in the country; and
- (b) the details of schemes and programmes that have been undertaken by the Government to raise the health status of Scheduled Tribes in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) As per the information available from National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-III conducted during 2005-06, the percentage of Scheduled Tribe women aged between 15-49 years who visited a health facility or a health camp within three months preceding the survey is estimated to be 27.0%.

(b) In order to raise the health status of Scheduled Tribes, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs supplements the efforts of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the State Governments by supporting NGO efforts under the scheme of 'Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations Working for the Welfare Scheduled Tribes', which include grants for running and maintenance of 10 or more Bedded Hospitals and Mobile Dispensaries in tribal areas for providing health care exclusively for tribals.