

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5231  
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VOCATIONAL TRAINING  
Singh Shri Rakesh

**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government provides assistance to the States to run vocational training centres for the students of tribal and aboriginal communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from the States regarding the demand of grant in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which Government is likely to sanction the said proposals?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations under the Central Sector Scheme of Vocational Training in Tribal Areas to run vocational training centres for tribal students. The main aim of this scheme is to upgrade the skills of tribal youth in various traditional/modern vocations depending upon their educational qualifications, present economic trends and the market potential. The total period of training is one year. Under this scheme each ST boy/girl is trained in one trade of his/her choice, the course being of a maximum six months' duration and at the end of six months he/she is attached to a Master Craftsman to learn his skill by practical experience.

(c) to (e): The receipt of proposals under the scheme from the States/ UTs is an ongoing process. The funds released to the State Governments/UT Administrations during the last three years and current financial year in at Annexure. Funds are provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations on receipt of complete proposals including Utilization Certificates and physical progress reports in respect of previous releases and subject to overall allocation in the budget.