

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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UPLIFTMENT OF TRIBAL POPULATION
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the tribal population in the country is still reeling under various kind of superstitions; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for the upliftment of the tribal population?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) & (b): It is a fact that several superstitions are prevailing among the tribal communities of the country. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing several Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes/programmes for the socio-economic development of tribal people in the country. Some schemes of the Ministry for promoting education amongst the Scheduled Tribes, namely, Girls/Boys Hostels for ST students, Ashram Schools in TSP Areas, Post Matric Scholarship for ST students, Upgradation of Merit for ST students, Educational Complex, etc., aim at creating awareness and raising education level amongst the tribal people would help reduce belief in superstitions.