

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION FOR ST  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether budgetary allocation for the welfare and development of the Scheduled Tribes (STs) Community is done in proportion to their population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not providing proper budgetary funds to ST community according to their population in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c): The Government allocates funds to various sectors including for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes community on the basis of the inter-sectoral priority and availability of budgetary resources.