

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MINERAL RICH TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to give additional funds every year for the development of mineral rich tribal areas; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There is no proposal or scheme in the Ministry of Mines to give additional funds for development of mineral rich tribal areas. However, the National Mineral Policy, 2008, enunciates that stakeholder rights of host and indigenous population shall be protected through developing models of stakeholder interest based on international best practices. Suitable legislation to back the policy is under consideration of the Government.