

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EMPOWERMENT OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Project with external assistance under implementation in the tribal dominated blocks in Orissa;
- (b) the details of other similar centrally funded projects that are proposed to be launched in Orissa State to help fast develop tribal belts in the State; and
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Government for the purpose?

Answer

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

- (a): The status of implementation and the district-wise coverage of Orissa Tribal Empowerment & Livelihoods Programme (OTELP) is given in Annexure.
- (b): There is no proposal to launch similar centrally funded project by the Ministry. However, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, being the nodal Ministry for the overall welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes, implements various Central Sponsored Schemes, Central Sector Schemes and Special Area Programmes to fill critical gaps taking into account the needs of Scheduled Tribes in the country including the State of Orissa.
- (c): The total project cost of current OTELP is Rs. 325.00 crore out of which the amount of assistance from the Government of Orissa is Rs.158.94 crore.