

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of indicators for the backwardness of scheduled tribes in various parts of the country;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to know the factors responsible for the backwardness of tribals;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) : The information maintained by the Registrar General of India (RGI) and the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in respect of Monthly Per Capita Consumer Expenditure (MPCE), Below Poverty Line (BPL), Literacy rate reflects that the Scheduled Tribes population is comparatively backward. Statements indicating State-wise MPCE, BPL percentage, literacy rate of ST population vis-à-vis other sections of the Society are enclosed at Annexure – I, II & III.

(b): The Ministry has not conducted any study in this regard.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The Central Government and the State Governments implement various schemes for improvement in employment opportunities, infrastructure and educational developmental, etc. of backward sections of the society including the tribal population. Ministry of Tribal Affairs supplements such efforts of Central Ministries and States by implementing Special Area Programmes, Central sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for socio economic development of tribals in the country.