

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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PER CAPITA INCOME OF TRIBALS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the per capita income of tribals is lower than that of other general castes; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the average per capita income of tribals?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per the information received from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, social group wise per capita income is not maintained. However state-wise percentage of population below poverty line (social group wise) is given as an Annexure.

(b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs supplements the efforts of other Ministries like Ministry of Rural Development, M/o Labour and Employment, etc. in economic upliftment of the tribals in the country. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing a programme titled "Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) for employment-cum-income generation activities of BPL Scheduled Tribes. The ultimate objective of this programme is to boost the demand-based income-generation and thus raise the economic and social status of tribals.