

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE ON GRAMSAT SCHEME

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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

the details of funds earmarked and spent on Gramsat scheme in every district particularly in the tribal districts during the last three years, State-wise and year wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

Expenditure on GRAMSAT Scheme is incurred by the respective state governments. The contribution of Indian Space Research Organisation is to provide the necessary bandwidth for GRAMSAT project. The estimated value of this bandwidth is `3 Crores per year. The GRAMSAT Scheme includes the tribal areas like Jhabua, Dhar and Barwani districts in Madhya Pradesh; Chamarajanagar district in Karnataka; Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) region in Orissa; Panchamahar, Tang, Sabarkantha and Banaskantha districts in Gujarat. The objectives of GRAMSAT Scheme are currently pursued under EDUSAT programme.