

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4687  
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2009  
SAL AND SIALI LEAF PLATES  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) has been taking appropriate steps to improve the production and sale of sal and siali leaf plates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. TRIFED has been organizing training programmes for Scheduled Tribe artisans and Minor Forest Produce (MFP) gatherers for improving the production and sale of sal and siali plates. This activity includes imparting technical training, providing bio-fuel run moulding and stitching machines to the tribal self help groups free of cost. TRIFED also provides assistance for construction of temporary work sheds.

(c) Does not arise.