

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL PACKAGE TO BIHAR FOR TRIBALS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to give more funds under Special Package to Bihar State in the coming financial year for development of tribal areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As per the information received from Planning Commission, a Special Plan has been formulated to bring about improvement in sectors like power, road connectivity, irrigation, forestry and watershed development in Bihar. The Planning Commission is administering the special Plan and funds are released on 100% grant basis. An allocation of Rs.1000 crore per annum was made for the Special Plan during the Tenth Plan period. The same allocation was approved during the Eleventh Plan period. It has now been decided to enhance this allocation to Rs.2000 crore for 2010-11 and Rs.1470 crore for 2011-12.

Out of the total approved outlay of Rs. 2,400,000.00 lakh for the Annual Plan 2011-12 for the State of Bihar, Rs. 1305314.37 lakh (54.38% of the total outlay) has been earmarked for priority projects /schemes including SCSP, TSP, BRGF and other components. The Government has earmarked Rs.26924.65 lakh for Tribal Sub Plan which is 1.12% of the total outlay of the State for Annual Plan 2011-12. The Scheduled Tribes constitute 0.91% of the total population of the State.

Presently, there is no proposal under process for the coming financial year.