

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH SCHEMES FOR TRIBALS  
Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the low level of awareness about health schemes among the tribal people particularly amongst the women;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry of Tribal Affairs coordinates with Ministry of Health of Family Welfare on health issues of tribal women particularly sickle cell etc;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d): During the Coordination Committee meeting chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in September, 2011, the problem of Sickle Cell anemia, Malaria & TB in tribal areas was taken up with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Earlier in August, 2011, a senior Ministry official discussed with Health Ministry the issues relating to the health of Scheduled tribe population. As per the information received from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, a plan of Action of Genetic Blood Disorders including Sickle Cell Disease has been submitted to the Planning Commission.