

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1935  
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DECLINE IN TRIBAL POPULATION  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the tribal population is declining in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to keep a check on such decline; and
- (d) the percentage of Scheduled Tribes living below the poverty line in rural and urban areas of the country, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : According to information received from the Registrar General of India, the Census 2011 is recently concluded and only provisional results are released so far wherein no data of tribals is included. But as per Census 2001 data there was no decline in the population of tribals.

(d) : State-wise percentage of Scheduled Tribes population below the poverty line in rural and urban areas of the country is as under:

(2004-05)

States	Rural	Urban
Andhra Pradesh	30.5	50.0
Assam	14.1	4.8
Bihar	53.3	57.2
Chhattisgarh	54.7	41.0
Delhi	0.0	9.4
Gujarat	34.7	21.4
Haryana	0.0	4.6
Himachal Pradesh	14.9	2.4
J&K	8.8	0.0

Jharkhand 54.2 45.1

Karnataka 23.5 58.3

Kerala 44.3 19.2

Madhya Pradesh 58.6 44.7

Maharashtra 56.6 40.4

Odisha 75.6 61.8

Punjab 30.7 2.1

Rajasthan 32.6 24.1

Tamil Nadu 32.1 32.5

Uttar Pradesh 32.4 37.4

Uttarakhand 43.2 64.4

West Bengal 42.4 25.7

All India 47.3 33.3

**Source : Planning Commission**