

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRIBAL COMMUNITY
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is drawing up any plan to improve the condition of the tribals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether instances of rights of tribals being suppressed in recent times have come to the notice of the Government.
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing Special Area Programmes/Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the socio-economic development of tribal people in the country. The schemes of the Ministry relate to income generation, infrastructure development, educational development and improvement in literacy of the tribal people. The Ministry provides grant to States/ UT Administration, institutions and voluntary organisations for upgrading the skill of tribal youths in various vocations to enable them to gain suitable employment or self-employment. The Ministry administers the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, with the objective to recognize and vest forest rights in forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes for their bonafide livelihood needs as mandated by the Act. All these programmes/schemes of the Ministry aim at bringing about improvement the condition of the tribals in the country.

(c) to (e): Some complaints have been received over a period of time concerning denial of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act,2006 and eviction of tribals from forest etc. These complaints have been sent to respective States/UTs for taking necessary action as the responsibility for implementation of the Act lies with the States/UTs.