

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FOREST PRODUCTS
Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up any committee to suggest ways and means to encourage the use of forest products in the country including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Dr. T. Haque Committee was constituted by Ministry of Panchayati Raj to look into aspects of Minimum Support Price (MSP), Value addition and marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) in Fifth Schedule Areas. On the basis of the recommendations of the committee, a Central Sector Scheme of Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce has been contemplated. However, details of this scheme have not been worked out as yet.