

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3276
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TENDU PATTA
Das Shri Bhakta Charan

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed/has taken note of the monopoly of State Corporations, contractors and traders in the trade of tendu patta which is used for beedi-making;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Minor Forest Produce (including Tendu Patta) economy provides poor returns to gatherers who have little control as they either participate in markets that are poorly developed or under conditions of monopoly. In order to ensure remunerative returns to the Minor Forest Produce gatherers, this Ministry is contemplating a centrally sponsored scheme of Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce. However, details of this scheme have not been worked out as yet.