

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4385
ANSWERED ON:07.09.2012
BHUBHARIA COMMUNITY
Chauhan Raj Kumari

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the Upliftment, rehabilitation, education and employment of Rajasthani nomad of "Bhubharia community" who live in bullock carts or in temporary huts on the roadsides across the country and earn their livelihood by manufacturing and selling the goods made from iron;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the total population of this community along with the names of the States where this population is found?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No, Madam. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal Ministry for the overall policy, planning and coordination of programmes for the development of the Scheduled Tribes (STs). The community-name 'Bhubharia' does not appear in the list of schedule tribes. Census data of 2001 did not have any information on 'Bhubharia community'.