

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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PER CAPITA INCOME OF TRIBALS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the per capita income of tribals is lower than that of other general castes; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the average per capita income of tribals?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per information received from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, social group-wise per capita income is not maintained. However, State-wise percentage of population below poverty line (social group-wise) is given in Annexure.

(b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs supplements the efforts of other Ministries like Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Labour and Employment, etc. in economic upliftment of the tribals in the country. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing a programme titled "Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) for employment-cum-income generation activities of BPL Scheduled Tribes. The ultimate objective of this programme is to boost the demand-based income-generation and thus raise the economic and social status of tribals.