

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4393
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PM S POINT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme is being implemented to pay special attention to tribal population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether adequate number of candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribe Community are available to fill up the posts of officers and employees in the Government sector earmarked for the said community;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the information received from the Ministry of Minority Affairs, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the welfare of Minorities is under implementation since 2006. The programme targets the eligible sections among the minorities notified under Section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, viz, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) and the areas with substantial minority population. 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). It is also worth mentioning that where a person claims to belong to a Scheduled Tribe by birth may profess any religion.

(c) to (e) : As per the information received from Department of Personnel and Training, that Department has been launching Special Recruitment Drives to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies of SCs and STs from time to time. One such Drive was launched in November, 2008 to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies of SCs, STs and OBCs. Details of backlog reserved vacancies of STs filled up, during the aforesaid drive, as on 5.9.2012 are as under:-

Backlog vacancies of STs	Filled up
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DR quota	Promotion quota	DR quota	Promotion quota
12124	15604	6941	8136