

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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JARAWA TRIBE

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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the estimated population of Jarawa tribals living in Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) Islands at present;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilized for the welfare of Jarawa tribals during each of the last three years and the current year by the Union Government; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to bring this community in the national mainstream?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per information received from the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, the present population of Jarawa tribe is 407.

(b): Andaman & Nicobar Administration releases Grants-in-Aid to Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti to implement the schemes for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) including Jarawas. The expenditure incurred during each of the last three years for the welfare of Jarawas is as under:

Year	Rs. (In Lakhs)
2009-10	49.03
2010-11	72.16
2011-12	107.78

For the year 2012-13, an amount of Rs.122.00 lakh has been earmarked and so far Rs.12.81 lakh has been spent.

(c): The Jarawa tribe is still practising hunting, gathering for their subsistence and have their traditional way of life. As per the Jarawa Policy of 2004 of the Govt. of India, maximum autonomy is being given to the Jarawas with minimum and regulated intervention by A&N Administration. There is no intervention in cultural life of the Jarawas and they are left to develop according to their own genius and at their own pace. No attempts to bring them to the mainstream society against their conscious will at this stage of their social development will be made.