

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:266  
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DECLARATION OF LADAKH AS TRIBAL AREA  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the proportion of tribals living in Ladakh (Leh and Kargil) Region out of the total population;
- (b) whether the region has been declared as tribal region;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) time by when the region is likely to be declared as Tribal Region?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) : As per the 2001 census figures, available only districtwise, the Scheduled Tribes population in the districts of Leh (Ladakh) is 96174 out of total population of 117232 and 105377 out of total population 119307 in Kargil.

(b) to (d) : Ladakh has not been declared a tribal area in terms of Article 244 of the Constitution. This Ministry has not received any proposal also in this regard.