GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2447 ANSWERED ON:07.12.2012 TRIBALS IN FOREST AREAS Singh Shri Pashupati Nath

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the standard of living of tribals living in forest areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the specific effect on their lives as a result of steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

- (a) & (b): This Ministry is implementing a programme for development of Forest Villages since 2005-06 for integrated development of forest villages with a view to raise the Human Development Index (HDI) of the inhabitants of the Forest Villages and for providing basic facilities and services in 2,474 forest villages/ habitations spread over 12 States. Under the programme, infrastructure work relating to basic services and facilities viz. approach roads, healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls, etc. are taken up for implementation. So far, this Ministry has released Rs.65379.04 lakh for the development of these forest villages.
- (c): To assess the specific effect of the programme of development of Forest Villages on the lives of tribals, no specific study has been conducted as yet.