

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EXTINCTION OF PRIMITIVE TRIBES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of primitive tribes in the country are on the verge of extinction;
- (b) if so, the names thereof and their population, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the identity and culture of such tribes in the country?

Answer

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

(a): There are 5 tribes in Andaman & Nicobar Islands namely Great Andamanese, Onge, Sentinelese, Shom Pen and Jarawa whose populations are less than 500.

(b): Name of PTG Population (2001 Census)

Sentinelese: 39

Great Andamanese 43

Onge 96

Jarawa 240

Shom Pen 398

(c): A Central Sector Scheme for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs) covers 75 identified PTGs. The scheme is extremely flexible because it enables every State to focus on areas that they consider is relevant to their PTGs and their Socio-cultural environment including identities and culture. Funds are being made available to States as per the provisions of the scheme.