

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH SCHEMES FOR TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the low level of awareness about health schemes among the tribal people particularly amongst the women;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry of Tribal Affairs coordinates with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on health issues of tribal women particularly disorders like sickle cell etc.;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : Tribal population lags behind other communities in their access to health facilities and the level of awareness about health schemes. Ministry of Tribal Affairs coordinates with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the issue. As per information received from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the IEC Division of that Ministry undertakes awareness campaigns through print, audio, video, exhibitions, pamphlets, booklets, etc. in respect of various health schemes and programmes covering various regions including tribal areas. In April 2012, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in collaboration with Doordarshan and All India Radio started a half an hour dedicated health magazine programme "Swasth Bharat" which is telecast/broadcast in regional languages for 5 days a week through 30 regional kendras of Doordarshan and 29 regional stations of All India Radio. Through this Programme, awareness is being created regarding various Central Government Schemes and programmes on health which cover all sections of the population including the tribal population.