

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF FOREST PRODUCE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to develop mechanism to increase the production of forest produce, its collection and distribution in newly States like Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the quantum of financial allocation made to these States under these schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to ensure economic development of the tribals living in these States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) deals with the Central Sector Scheme 'Grants-in-Aid to STDCCs etc for MFP Operations' which was launched during 1992-93. The details of funds allocated State wise during last three years are given in Annexure-1. Under this scheme, MoTA extends Grants-in-Aid to the State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations (STDCCs)/Forest Development Corporations (FDCs) etc., through their respective State Governments for:-

- (i) increasing the quantum of MFP handled by setting off operational losses, if need be;
- (ii) strengthening the share capital base of the Corporation for undertaking Minor Forest Produce (MFP) operations thereby increasing the quantum of MFP presently handled;
- (iii) setting up of scientific ware housing facilities, wherever necessary;
- (iv) establishing processing industries for value addition with the objective of ensuring maximum returns on the MFPs for the tribals;
- (v) giving consumption loans to the tribals; and
- (vi) supplementing Research and Development (R&D) efforts.