GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5173 ANSWERED ON:26.04.2013 SURVEY ON ECONOMIC CONDITION OF STS Singh Shri Dhananjay

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted to gauge the current economic and living conditions of Scheduled Tribes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any measures are being undertaken to identify and exclude the affluent tribal population from the benefits and welfare schemes designed/targeted towards the more marginalized members of the Scheduled Tribes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): In so far as Ministry of Tribal Affairs is concerned, no specific survey has been conducted regarding the current economic and living conditions of Scheduled Tribes in the country.
- (c)&(d): There are no proposals/measures to identify and exclude the affluent tribal population from the benefits and welfare schemes designed towards more marginalized members of the Scheduled Tribes. However, on the plans schemes side, there is a separate scheme for the development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) identified in seventeen States and one Union Territory.