

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:494
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2013
DENOTIFIED NOMADIC TRIBES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any study to assess the developmental aspects of the denotified and nomadic or semi-nomadic tribes in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any separate provision in the budget for the social and economic development of the denotified nomadic tribes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the further steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO.494 FOR 30.04.2013

A Commission, namely, the National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) had been constituted by the Government with the following Terms of Reference:-

- (a) To specify the economic interventions required for raising the living standards of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic `Tribes` by asset creation and self-employment opportunities;
- (b) To recommend measures to utilize the existing channeling agencies set up for the economic development of SC/STs and OBCs for extending an economic development package to these groups, keeping in view their specific requirements;
- (c) To identify programmes required for their education, development and health; and
- (d) To make any other connected or incidental recommendation, that the Commission deems necessary.

The NCDNT has submitted its report, which is under consideration of the Government.

A token amount of Rs. 5 crores was kept in the budget allocation for the DNTs in each financial year 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-2013.

After a decision is taken on the Report of the Commission, Schemes for social and economic development of the DNTs would be framed.