

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF MODEL VILLAGES FOR ST COMMUNITY

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to chalk out a programme to develop model villages for Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the programme along with the villages identified for the purpose, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;
- (c) the funds allocated/released and utilisation reported by State Governments for the same during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include more villages in the said programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Ministry of Tribal Affairs has no proposal to chalk out a programme to develop model villages for Scheduled Tribe communities in the country. However, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing a programme for development of Forest Villages since 2005-06 for integrated development of forest villages with a view to raise the Human Development Index (HDI) of the inhabitants (most of these being tribals) of the Forest Villages and for provision of basic facilities and services in identified 2,474 forest villages/habitations spread over 12 States including Gujarat. An amount of Rs.653.79 Crores has been released for the development of forest villages since the year 2005-06.