

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4599  
ANSWERED ON:21.02.2014  
FUNDS FOR MINOR FOREST PRODUCE  
Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausahab

**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal in respect of sanction of funds for minor forest produce from the Government of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Government of Maharashtra had requested the Ministry for grant of Rs.1050.00 lakh under the Central Sector Scheme of 'Grants-in-Aid to STDCCs etc. for MFP Operations' for the year 2013-14. The proposal was examined by the Ministry and it was found that unspent balance of Rs.135.93 lakh was lying with the Maharashtra STDCC. Accordingly, amount of Rs.67.07 lakh was released after adjusting the unspent balance from Rs.203.00 lakh which is the share of Maharashtra out of the total budget under the Scheme.