

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON GRAMSAT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of the expenditure incurred under GRAMSAT scheme, particularly in the rural and backward areas during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of programmes transmitted under this scheme;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to involve the tribal people in these programmes with a view to promoting tribal culture;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a) Department of Space does not incur any expenditure under the GRAMSAT programme, except for providing free bandwidth for various GRAMSAT users. The Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Karnataka, which are implementing the GRAMSAT project met the expenditures of their own network. The approximate cost of the bandwidth provided to these States together will be of the order of Rs.3.00 crores.
- (b) The details of the programme transmitted by each of these are under the purview of the various State Governments and generally are in the areas of mass education, fisheries, forest and environment and Anganwadi workers.
- (c), (d)& (e) The State Governments formulate the programmes to be transmitted on GRAMSAT network and include programmes to promote tribal culture.