

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FOREST VILLAGES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government developed/ proposed to develop 'Model Tribal Villages' and 'Forest Villages';
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise:
- (c) the parameters adopted therefor;
- (d) the details of schemes implemented for the upliftment of forest villages; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated and spent thereunder, State- wise.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (Dr. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e). There is no proposal in the Ministry to develop "Model Tribal Villages". Programme for development of forest villages was launched in 2005-06, during the Tenth plan. Under the programme, infrastructure work relating to basic services and facilities viz. approach roads, healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls etc and activities related to livelihood are taken up for implementation.

There are 2,474 forest villages/ habitations in the country, spread over 12 States. Rs. 60876.26 lakh has been released for 2413 forest villages in these 12 States so far. On an average, funding of project works amounting to Rs. 30.00 lakh per village is done under the programme.

A statement showing State-wise proposals received/ approved for forest villages, fund released and utilization reported during the year 2005-06 to 2008-09 is at Annex.