

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:337
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2009
VOCATIONAL COURSES
Pangi Shri Jayaram

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds spent on conducting the training for vocational courses in the tribal areas during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted to assess the effectiveness of the same;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make such training courses more effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 337 FOR 11.12.2009

(a) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a Central Sector Scheme of "Vocational Training in Tribal Areas". Under the scheme grant-in-aid released during the last three years and current year State-wise is at Annexure.

(b) & (c) A study of Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Scheme in the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Orissa, Kerala and Assam has been conducted by Indian Institute of Public Administration in 2006-07. In the recommendations of the study it was inter-alia mentioned that "the Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Scheme may be continued as it is serving the desired objectives to a large extent".

(d) In view of the recommendations of the study and to make the scheme more effective, the scheme has been revised w.e.f. 1.4.2009. In the revised scheme

- (i) instead of training in two trades the trainee receives training in one trade of his/her choice. The training duration is extended to one year instead of six months
- (ii) Financial assistance under the scheme has been enhanced
- (iii) In addition to already established Vocational Training Centres and institutions, State Govt. may also recommend training of ST candidates in private recognized institutions. Preference will be given to those institutions which guarantee placement/employment after completion of training.