

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from State Government including Jharkhand for the development of Forest Villages in their respective villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such proposals received during each of the last three years and current years:
- (c) action taken/ being taken by the Union Government on these proposals as on date;
- (d) number of such villages developed during this period;
- (e) whether any separate allocation has been made under this head; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof indicating the funds allocated, expenditure incurred therefrom during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): 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 including Jharkhand so far. The funding of the development of forest villages is made under the budget head of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (SCA to TSP). A statement showing State-wise proposals received/ approved for forest villages, fund released and utilization reported during the last three years is at Annex.