

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:320  
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2014  
TRIBAL POPULATION  
Shanavas Shri M. I.

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

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the population of tribals during the last decade and if so, the details of decline in percentage during each of the last three census, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has constituted any expert Committee to ascertain the reasons for this decline and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also broached this issue with the States having significant tribal population such as Kerala and Chhattisgarh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government to check the decline in tribal population in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 320 for answer on 15.12.2014 asked by Shri M.I. Shanavas, MP, regarding Tribal Population.

(a): No, Madam. As per the Census 2011, there has been a 24% decadal growth from 2001 in Scheduled Tribe population in the country.

(b): No, Madam. Since there is no decline in the population of Scheduled Tribes in the country, there is no need to constitute any expert committee to ascertain the reasons for decline.

(c) to (e): As per Census 2011, the decadal growth in 2011 as compared to 2001 in ST population in Kerala and Chhattisgarh is 33.13% and 18.23%, respectively.