

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3453
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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR TRIBAL LITERATURE
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had granted approval in principle to recognize VisvaBharti University in Shantiniketan as a Centre of Excellence in the field of tribal language and literature;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also considering to set up a national research centre in the Tribal Research Institute; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a): Yes, Madam,

(b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has declared the Department of Odia, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in the field of tribal literature and language. For the period 2014-17 (3 years), an amount of Rs. 2.93 crore has been approved for the COE, which includes sanction of Rs. 1.10 crore during the current financial year 2014-15. During the 1st year (2014-15), the CoE is to focus on compilation of tribal literature and enrich the tribal literature library.

(c) & (d): The Government has agreed in Principle for setting up of a National Research Centre by Tribal Research Institute, Odisha. All national level research studies and seminar are envisaged to be organized by the Centre.