

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4772

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LITERACY AMONG TRIBALS

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the literacy rate among the Scheduled Tribes (STs) indicating the break-up of male and female literacy rates and its comparison visvis the overall literacy rate in the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;
- (b) the schemes being implemented by the Government to improve the literacy level of STs along with the financial assistance released and utilized thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the achievements made under the said scheme along with the number of beneficiaries thereunder during the said period, scheme and State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken note that the tribals living in remote areas of the country do not have easy access to educational and employment opportunities; and
- (e) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The following schemes are being implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to improve the literacy among tribals:

- I. Pre-Matric Scholarship
- II. Post Matric Scholarship
- III. Hostels for ST Girls and Boys
- IV. Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub- Plan
- V. Vocational Training in tribal areas
- VI. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship
- VII. National Overseas Scholarship
- VIII. Top Class Education

The details sought in these parts of the question are given in the Annexures.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. In order to cater to students from remote areas, this Ministry, through the State Governments and Voluntary Organizations, has established Ekalavya Model Residential Schools, Ashram Schools, Hostels for tribal boys and girls. In order to increase the scope of employment and increase the pool of employable tribal youth, Vocational Training Centers have been established in tribal areas. The Ministry has also been providing funds under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan and Article 275(1) for proposals to impart training to tribal youth in the fields of hospitality, teaching, nursing, para medical training, dairy development, computer training, etc. to ensure that the tribal youth, particularly the tribal girls/women, attain sufficient qualifications and enhance the local employable pool. Keeping in view the limited potential of even skilled persons in interior areas, each ST boy/girl is trained in two trades in his/her choice, the course in each trade being for duration of three months. Each trainee is to be attached at the end of six months to a master craftsman in a semi-urban/urban area for a period of six months, to learn his/her skills by practical experience. The scheme has been revised with effect from 1.4.2009 to provide enhanced financial benefits and to ensure linkages of vocational courses with recognized certificate/diploma through affiliation/accreditation of courses and institutions under Modular Employable Skills and Craftsman Training Scheme by National Council of Vocational Training of Ministry of Labour and Employment.