

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SPORTS AMONG TRIBAL COMMUNITIES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government for the encouragement of sports among the tribal communities; and
- (b) the number of tribal girl children that have been provided education under the scheme of Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe Girls in the country, State/UT-wise particularly in low literacy districts?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a): This Ministry provides financial support to Tribal Research Institutes` (TRIs) established in 17 states and the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for various activities including organization of tribal festivals which provides the tribal communities with opportunities to preserve and conduct cultural activities including traditional sports and taps the inherent talent of upcoming tribal folk artists, sports persons, etc. and encourages their participation at national and international events.

Further, this Ministry has also written to the states of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karnataka for organizing Tribal Sports competition at districts and state level which shall include traditional as well as modern games. Promotion of tribal sports and promotion of sports amongst tribal youth has been included as a component of recently launched scheme `Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana`.

(b): The State/UT-wise details of ST girls benefitted under the scheme `Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe Girls in Low Literacy Districts` during the last three years are given at Annexure.