

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR EDUCATIONAL COMPLEXES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for setting up of educational complexes in low literacy pockets for the development of literacy among tribals particularly with reference to tribal girls;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of tribal girls that have been provided with necessary assistance under the scheme and the funds released during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): This Ministry is implementing a scheme namely `Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts` for the ST girls. Under the scheme which is implemented through Voluntary Organizations (VOs)/Non- Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and autonomous society/institutions of State Government/Union Territory Administration, in order to provide a facilitating environment for the education of ST girls in identified low literacy districts, hostel facilities are provided at block level to enable them to attend regular middle/secondary level schools and at panchayat level to attend regular Primary School. In exceptional cases, where regular schools run under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan or other schemes of Education Department are not available within 5 KMs radius, schooling facilities along with hostels are also considered. Further, the educational complexes already established under the earlier scheme namely

`Setting up Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for development of Women`s Literacy in Tribal Areas` falling in the newly identified 54 low literacy districts/blocks of the revised scheme are continued.

Under this scheme, this Ministry provides 100% assistance which includes free education, boarding and lodging, books, uniforms, medical help, coaching, incentives to girls etc.

State-wise release of funds and number of beneficiaries, including Maharashtra, during the last three years and current year is at Annex-I & II.

(c): Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.