

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ITDA FOR WELFARE OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) has been established for the well being of tribals in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the welfare measures taken up by ITDA in various tribal areas of the country, State/UT-wise including Telangana during each of the last three years and the current year along with financial assistance disbursed during the said period, State/ UT-wise; and
- (c) whether ITDA proposes to start community radios and local television channel and provide information about agriculture for the tribal people in their own language across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes Madam. Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) / Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP), Micro Projects etc. were created in 1970s and 1980s as additional institutions for delivery of public goods and services to Scheduled Tribes. As on date 192 ITDAs / ITDPs exist across the country. Out of which a total of twenty nine ITDAs are functioning in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha as dedicated institutions for delivery of public goods and services to Scheduled Tribes.
- (b): The Ministry supports welfare activities for tribal people such as providing scholarships, residential schools, hostels, vocational training, skill upgradation, housing, horticulture, backyard poultry, fisheries, market support for tribal products, ensuring and safeguarding rights of scheduled tribes etc. Disbursement of funds to the ITDAs is done by the State Governments and details in this regard is not centrally maintained.
- (c): There is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry.