

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERGENCE OF MGNREGA WITH TRIBAL ARTISANAL WORK

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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government intends to converge MGNREGA with artisanal works and other works popular in tribal areas to provide an adequate means of livelihood to the tribal people;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government intends to provide better coverage of roads and better connectivity through railways in various tribal areas including tribal areas affected by Left Wing Extremism to make markets accessible and enhance recognition of the works done by tribals; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposed areas, scale of investment for each project and proposed timeline thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): There is no such proposal, as informed by Ministry of Rural Development, MGNREGA is a guarantee of 100 days of unskilled manual work on demand.

(c) & (d): The details of rail connectivity to facilitate economic growth of tribal & Left Wing Extremist affected area are enclosed at Annexure-I. Further, as per information received from M/o Road Transport & Highways (RTH), Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 26.02.2009 approved a Road Requirement Plan (RRP-I) for improvement of road connectivity in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of 34 Districts in 8 States. Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) on 20.6.2010 approved the proposal for inclusion of additional works for 742.50 km length costing Rs.950 crore against savings in RRP which now covers 5477 km length (1126 km NHs & 4351 km State Roads). The Details of works sanctioned under RRP-I of LWE Scheme and Financial & Physical progress achieved as on 1.03.2005 under RRP-I are given at Annexure-II.