## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3149 ANSWERED ON:16.03.2015 POPULATION OF TRIBALS IN FOREST AREAS Naik Prof. Seetaram Ajmeera;Nete Shri Ashok Mahadeorao

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

(a) the number of forest villages/habitation areas in various parts of the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey on the socio-economic development of such forest dwellers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has implemented any programme for development of forest villages in the country;

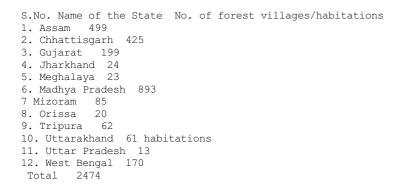
(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the basic services and facilities provided in such villages/ habitations; and

(e) the funds allocated, released and utilized under the said programme during the 11th and 12th Five Year Plans so far, State/UT-wise?

## Answer

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

(a): As per information available in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, presently there are 2,474 forest villages/habitations spread over 12 States as under:-



(b): No, Madam. Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not conducted any survey on the Socio-economic situation of forest dwellers as Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal Ministry for implementation of The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (in short FRA) and survey on the Socio-economic situation of forest dwellers does not come under the purview of FRA.

(c)& (d): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Tribal Affairs had implemented a programme for development of forest villages since 2005-06 as a one-time measure for integrated development of forest villages with a view to raise the Human Development Index (HDI) of the inhabitants of the forest villages and for providing basic facilities and services in the 2,474 forest villages/habitations spread over twelve States in the country. The programme was implemented as a part of the Special Area Programme 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan". The programme included infrastructure works relating to basic services and facilities viz. approach roads, healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls, etc. and activities related to income generation.

(e): A statement showing funds allocated, released and utilized under the programme of "Development of Forest Villages" under SCA to TSP during 2007-08 to 2011-12 is at Annexure. No fund has been released during 12th Five Year Plan period.