

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4198  
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2015  
SOCIO ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF TRIBALS  
Dhurve Smt. Jyoti

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a high level Committee to look into the current socio-economic, health and educational status of tribals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and composition of the said Committee;
- (c) if so, the details of number of meetings held by the Committee so far;
- (d) whether the Committee has submitted its report in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the said report is likely to be submitted?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS (MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a): Yes, Madam. A High Level Committee (HLC) was constituted to prepare a position paper on the present socio-economic, health and educational status of Scheduled tribes in the Country.

(b): The Committee had to suggest policy initiatives as well as effective outcome- oriented measures to improve development indicators and strengthen public service delivery to Scheduled Tribes and other tribal population. The Committee consisted of the following members:-

- 1) Prof. Virginius Xaxa -Chairperson
- 2) Dr. Usha Ramanathan - Member
- 3) Dr. Joseph Bara - Member
- 4) Dr. K.K. Misra - Member
- 5) Dr. Abhay Bang - Member
- 6) Ms. Sunila Basant - Member
- 7) Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs- Member Secretary

(c): The Committee held 11 meetings on 10th September 2013, 26th September 2013, 11th October 2013, 08th November 2013, 18th December 2013, 18th January 2014, 27 February 2014, 15th & 16th April 2014, 05th, 06th & 07th May, 2014, 14th & 15th May 2014 and 29th May 2014.

(d): Yes, Madam. The Committee has submitted its report on 29th May, 2014.

(e): The Committee has recommended with regard to:-

- (i) Legal and administrative Framework
- (ii) Livelihoods and Employment Status
- (iii) Education
- (iv) Health
- (v) Land Alienation, Displacement and Enforced Migration
- (vi) Legal and Constitutional Issues
- (vii) Deliver of Public Goods and Services

Containing a total of 111 number of recommendations.