

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the major programmes which aim at improving the lot of tribals, particularly tribal women in the country;
- (b) the target fixed in the 12th Plan on tribal welfare and the target achieved therein so far;
- (c) the allocations made and utilised for the current year as on date;
- (d) the benefits accrued particularly by tribal women with the implementation of various schemes during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the major changes that have been undertaken to ensure austerity in the Ministry while implementation of various schemes and programmes?

Answer

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

(a): Government has various developmental programmes to improve socio-economic conditions of people including tribals. These are implemented by the line Ministries and Departments and in addition, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs ensures empowerment of tribal people, including tribal women, through various schemes and programmes which include:

- (i) Grants to State Governments under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India
- (ii) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (SCA to TSP)
- (iii) Education
- (iv) Institutional support for development and marketing of tribal products/ produce
- (v) Conservation Cum development programme for Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)
- (vi) Grant-in Aid to National Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), and
- (vii) Grant-in-Aid to NGOs

(b) & (c): For the 12th Five year Plan, the Ministry aims to develop a system for delivery of public services like health, education, nutrition, livelihood while protecting the cultural heritage of tribal people including tribal women and to reduce literacy gap between ST and other social groups. Achieving these goals has been envisaged through extension of support to ensure 100% enrolment of tribal children in schools, special policy for girl students that include revision of holidays in schools according to tribal festive seasons and education through tribal language during initial years of induction, ensuring cent percent immunization of children and pregnant mothers, promoting livelihood in areas such as horticulture, agriculture, Integrated Dairy Development, kitchen gardening, backyard poultry, fisheries, hospitality sector, paramedics, teachers, etc., so that woman get benefitted from them. The National Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) implements schemes for self-employment of scheduled tribes by providing financial assistance at concessional rates of interest. This corporation also implements Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana (AMSY), an exclusive scheme for the ST women. ST women are eligible to seek financial assistance under Term Loan, Micro Credit and Adivasi Shiksha Rinn Yojana schemes of NSTFDC. The details of allocation made and utilized are at Annex-I.

(d): The details of beneficiaries, including women beneficiaries, of different initiatives undertaken by the Ministry are at Annex-II (a), II(b) and II(c).

(e): This Ministry implements every measures taken by the Government of India to ensure austerity in the Ministry.