

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES FOR TRIBAL YOUTHS

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

(a) whether the Government has any programme for the tribal people to increase their self-reliance and autonomy by enhancing their productivity and enabling them to take up income generating activities including the programmes providing training for skill upgradation;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the skill development centres set up for tribal youths in the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and also in Maoist/Naxal affected areas;

(c) the funds allocated and utilised for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has any targeted programmes to provide marketing support for the tribals to increase their income by marketing their produces and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Government is pursuing an integrated approach to ameliorate the situation of unemployment and increase self reliance among ST population across the country. Ministry of Tribal Affairs, largely under its Special Area Programme i.e. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP), provides funds as an additive to the State Plan for development of tribals in the States covering skill development and employment-cum-income generation activities. From the financial year 2014-15 onwards, the Ministry has encouraged State Governments for promotion of need based integrated livelihood initiatives and skill upgradation of tribals to get them respectable jobs such as:

Diversified crops, horticulture, dairy development with State cooperative, backyard poultry, fisheries, apiculture, sericulture etc. with proper market linkages.

Financing under line department schemes like milk cooperatives.

Marketable skills like (i) Hospitality (ii) Office Management (iii) Driving (iv) Solar Technician / Electrician (v) Beautician (vi) Handicraft (vii) Fabrication (viii) Skills required for construction works (such as Plumbing, Mason, electrician, fitter, welder, carpenter etc.) (ix) Automotive Repairing (x) Mobile Repairing (xi) Refrigeration (xii) Horticulture (xiii) Fisheries (xiv) Poultry (xv) Nutrition & Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) (xvi) Computer Hardware Assembly and Maintenance (xvii) Food and Vegetable Processing, paintings, handlooms, and other arts & crafts.

Entrepreneurship.

Eco tourism in Tribal areas.

Skills for women: Computer training hospitality, paramedics, Ayurveda and tribal medicines & medical practices etc.

(b): The programmes / activities sanctioned by the Ministry are implemented by the respective State Governments and the data regarding number of skill development centres is not centrally maintained in the Ministry.

(c): About 20 % of allocated budget of the Ministry are provided to the State Governments for taking up income generating activities including the programmes providing training for skill upgradation. A statement showing amount released to the States under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) for the last three years is at Annexure.

(d): Under the scheme Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products/Produce being implemented in Schedule V States, initially, a web-based portal has been developed which indicates current price of MFPs on real time basis across different Mandis of the States. Twelve MFP products have been included in the programme namely (i) Tendu Leaves (ii) Bamboo (iii) Mahuwa Seeds (iv) Sal Leaf (v) Sal Seed (vi) Lac (vii) Chironjee (viii) Wild Honey (ix) Myrobalan (x) Tamarind (xi) Gums (Gum Karaya) and (xii) Karanji. In order to provide real time information, Toll Free Number 1800-180-1551 has been launched on 2nd September 2014 through which daily prices of Minor Forest Produce in various Mandis across the country can now be obtained.

