

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5486
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2015
EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether on-the-spot visits/survey are conducted particularly for matter related to development of tribals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT- wise along with the issues which have been finally included in development schemes as per the survey;
- (c) if not, the basis on which the Government review the policies regarding tribal development;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra regarding Central assistance for carrying out bench mark survey in the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the said proposal and the time by which the said proposal is likely to be finalized?

Answer

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

- (a) : Yes, Madam. Visits/surveys are conducted regarding matters relating to development of tribals.
- (b) : Ministry of Tribal Affairs does not conduct surveys it self. However, various Ministries/ Departments/Organizations conduct surveys across the country, State/UT-wise in respect of general population, Scheduled Tribes and other social groups. The Office of Registrar General of India conducts Census of India, decennially, the last one was held in 2011. Various large scale sample surveys are being conducted on different subjects, quinquennially, by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, different annual surveys are being conducted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development, etc. Based on the survey reports/data, gaps are identified with respect to various indicators relating to education, health, livelihood etc., in respect of ST population as compared to general population. Consequently, development activities are being carried out through various schemes/ programmes of concerned Central Ministries and State Governments, while the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides additive to these initiatives by way of plugging critical gaps. The important schemes/programmes presently being administered by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are at Annexure.
- (c) : Question does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.
- (d) : The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra regarding Central assistance for carrying out bench mark survey in the State during the last three years.
- (e) : Question does not arise in view of (d) above