

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL AREAS .

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the literacy level of tribal communities is relatively low as compared to the other communities in different parts of the country state-wise including Karnataka;
- (b) If so, the State/UT-wise details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) The schemes being implemented by the Government to improve the literacy level of Scheduled Tribes (STs) along with financial assistance released and utilised thereunder during each of the last three years scheme and State/UT-wise including Karnataka;
- (d) Whether there is also a proposal for electrification of remote tribal areas in the country including Karnataka; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Madam. As per Census 2011, the ST literacy rate for the country is 59% as against overall literacy rate of 72.99%

(b) : The information called for in this part is given at Annexure-I. The literacy level of the Scheduled Tribe population is comparatively low in comparison with other communities mainly due to historical socio-economic factors.

(c) : The information called for in this part is given at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): The new scheme of Deen Dayal Upadhaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) of the Ministry of Power, recently approved by the Union Government will help in providing round the clock power to rural households including the remote tribal areas throughout the country including Karnataka. The earlier scheme for rural electrification viz. Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) has been subsumed in the new scheme as its rural electrification component.

Under the scheme for Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, the Ministry provides assistance through the State Government for various activities including supply of Electricity (gap filling where line Ministries do not provide complete/ universal coverage), Solar Power, with provision of maintenance. During the year 2014-15 funds have been released to the following two states for electrification/solar street light for development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups:

(in Rs. Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of State	Name of activity	Amount released
1.	Gujarat	Electrification/Solar	12.00
2.	Odisha	Supply of solar street light, home lights and solar lanterns to hill top villages.	140.00