

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to promote agricultural activities in the Tribal areas of the country including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide funds to the poor tribal farmers to encourage them to practice farming; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Agricultural activities are promoted in all areas including tribal areas suitable for agricultural activities in the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Agriculture is a State subject and State Governments concerned formulate schemes for promoting agricultural and allied activities in different regions of the State including tribal areas and for better income generation of farmers including those in the tribal areas.

Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Missions/Schemes. States are encouraged to implement the Missions/Schemes in such a manner that in the process of promoting agriculture and allied activities, more and more beneficiaries from the disadvantaged segments of the society including tribal people are covered. The Operational Guidelines of Missions/Schemes of Government of India in the field of agriculture have specific provisions for the benefit of tribal people.

(c) & (d): Government of India earmarks 8% of total funds allocation for Tribal Sub Plan and releases the same to scheme implementing States for promoting agriculture and allied activities among the tribal population and for encouraging their integration with the modern farming practices.