

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Utilisation of Funds

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the past 35 years, Rs. 2.8 lakh crore were set aside to improve the lives of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes by way of measures like midday meals, scholarships and crop insurance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the State Governments to spend the amount allocated for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response thereto; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to spend the funds earmarked and allocated under various schemes for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in a time bound manner?.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION.
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b) The allocation of funds for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) including Mid-Day Meals, Scholarships etc. were provided by the respective Central Ministries/Departments and the States/UTs under the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP). The TSP strategy was started in the year 1974 and SCSP in 1979. The details of Plan-wise Central and States/UTs' allocation and expenditure under SCSP and TSP, as available, since launching of the two Sub-Plans are given at Annexure-I.

(c) to (e) Guidelines for formulation, implementation and monitoring of the SCSP and TSP are issued to the Central Ministries/Departments and States / UTs from time to time obligating them for earmarking of funds for SCSP and TSP and also to utilize the same in the priority areas with quantifiable benefits for the SCs and STs. So far as Central Ministries/Departments are concerned earmarking of funds is as recommended by the Task Force Chaired by Dr. Narendra Jadhav, Member, erstwhile Planning Commission.
