

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1023
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LIFE EXPECTANCY OF TRIBALS
Gawali (Patil) Ms. Bhavana

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any study to determine the life expectancy of the tribals in India;
- (b) if so, the details along with the findings thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for providing better health services to ensure healthy life and to further improve the average life expectancy of tribal people in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not undertaken any study to determine the life expectancy of the tribals in India.
- (c): The Ministry has undertaken health related initiatives and disseminate information regarding various services/facilities made available in tribal areas. The Ministry has launched a nation-wide initiative to control sickle cell anaemia among Scheduled Tribes. The Coordination Committee constituted for monitoring, planning and progress of the schemes/ programmes being implemented for overall development of the Scheduled Tribes, has flagged several actionable points to address the issue of nutrition and prevalence of diseases among STs and the convergent action that can be taken by concerned Ministry/Department to address health issues.