

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1111
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2014
COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF TRIBALS
Rathwa Shri Ramsinh Patalyabhai

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a high level Committee to look into the current socio-economic, health and educational status of tribals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and composition thereof;
- (c) the details of number of meetings held by the Committee so far;
- (d) whether the Committee has submitted its report in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the said report is likely to be submitted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Committee was set up by the PMO on 14th Aug, 2013. The objective of Committee was to prepare a position paper on the present socio-economic, health and educational status of Scheduled Tribes and suggest a way forward. The Committees objective was also to suggest policy initiative as well as effective outcome-oriented measures to improve development indicators and strengthen public service delivery to STs and other tribal population. The following was the composition of the Committee:

- 1) Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Chairman
- 2) Dr. Usha Ramanathan Member
- 3) Dr. Joseph Baraa Member
- 4) Dr. Kamal K. Misra Member
- 5) Dr. Abhay Bang Member
- 6) Ms. Sunila Basant Member
- 7) Secretary, M/o Tribal Affairs Member Secretary

(c): The Committee conducted eleven meetings i.e. on 10 September, 2013; 26 September, 2013; 11 October, 2013; 08 November, 2013; 18 December, 2013; 18 January, 2014; 27 February, 2014; 15 and 16 April, 2014; 05, 06 and 07 May, 2014; 14 and 15 May, 2014 and 29 May, 2014.

(d) and (e): Yes Madam. The Committee has submitted its report on 29th May, 2014.