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Title: Need to include Jhodia Parja, Durua and Nakti Dora communities of Odisha in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

SHRI JHINA HIKAKA (KORAPUT): I would like to state that the communities namely Jhodia Paraja, Durua and Nakti Dora in Koraput and Rayagada districts of my Parliamentary Constituency, Koraput are the backward communities of Odisha. These backward communities resemble the Tribal Communities from the view point of life style, traditional culture, primitive traits, geographical isolation, educational and economical backwardness. Considering all these issues, the Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) of Odisha recommended for their inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes. However, it is pending in the Tribal Affairs Ministry since long.

In this regard, I urge upon the Minister of Tribal affairs to expedite the process to include these communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes.