

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3160
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 31.12.2018

NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO TRIBAL COMMUNITY

3160 SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a programme for providing nutritious food for the tribal community particularly to women and children in the tribal areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has also conducted study regarding the health condition of tribal population and if so, the details of such survey; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide sufficient funds for distribution of nutritious food to the tribal community in order to address the issue of chronic under nutrition among them?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides demand-based 100% grant to State Governments for the development of Scheduled Tribe population under the following schemes:

- i) Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution
- ii) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS)
- iii) Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)
- iv) Tribal Festivals, Research Information and Mass Education

State Governments submit Annual Plan containing various project proposals including provisions for nutritious food for the tribal community before the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) in the Ministry for appraisal and approval. Ministry encouraged giving focus to tribal areas through convergence in the POSHAN Abhiyan run by Ministry of Women & Child Development which addresses nutrition aspects.

(b) Funds have been provided under the scheme 'Tribal Festivals, Research Information and Mass Education' to the following centre of excellence for carrying out activities recommended by the committee of Centre of Excellence (COE) for the year 2018-19 is as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of Institute	Objective of Study	Fund Approved (Rs. In lakh)	Fund Released (Rs. In lakh)
1	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi - Aird Tropics, Telangana	i.) A baseline study on the health status of the children studying in the 13 EMRS of Odisha. ii.) Propose an appropriate dietary intervention targeted to children attending the EMRS in selected district of the Odisha state by introducing an affordable "Nutri-food-Basket" and sensitizing the population on the need to diversify their diets.	23.10	11.50
2.	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kerala	Awareness Campaigns Using Mobile Learning. i. Health and Social Awareness through Amrita Adolescent Awareness Program in Ranchi in Jharkhand and Bastar in Chhattisgarh. ii. Awareness about use and abuse of Oral Contraceptives among indigenous tribes in Wayand in Kerala. iii. Awareness on Micronutrient Deficiencies for Tribal Women of Coimbatore District in Tamil Nadu District Coimbatore District in Tamil Nadu. iv. E Literacy phase 1 in Khurda District Odisha. Sawai Madhopur District Rajasthan and Raigarh District in Maharashtra. v. Handwashing and toothbrushing program in tribal school in Wayanad District Kerala. vi. Menstrual Hygiene Awareness for Adolescent Girls and young women in Madhya Pradesh District Alirajpur. vii. Health and Social Awareness through Amrita Adolescent Awareness Program in Phase 2 in Khurda District Odisha, Sawai Madhopur District in Rajasthan and Raigarh District Maharashtra – 2 nd year. viii. Antenatal Health Monitoring and Awareness and Vaccination Awareness using IoT and mobile based devices in Chhattisgarh District Bastar, Kerala District Wayanad. ix. E-Literacy phase 2 in Ranchi in Jharkhand and Bastar in Chhattisgarh. x. Tribal Girls-Awareness to Encourage Educating and Digital Safety in Tribal Communities in Andhra Pradesh District Guntur Rajasthan District Sawai Madhopur.	20.00	10.00
TOTAL			43.10	21.50

(c) Funds sanctioned for nutrition and nutritious food under various schemes during 2018-19 is as under:

Sl. No.	Scheme/Programme	State	Fund sanctioned in 2018-19 (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Article 275(1)	Andhra Pradesh	1000.00
2.		Maharashtra	463.31
3.		Telangana	600.00
4.	SCA to TSS	Maharashtra	301.50
5.		Telangana	100.00
6.		West Bengal	159.60
7.	Development of PVTGs	Andhra Pradesh	49.85
Grant total=			2674.26
