

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1281
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020

CULTURE CONSERVATION OF TRIBAL POPULATION

1281. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of expenditure incurred by the Government for the development of tribal areas in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether special attention has been given to the cultural conservation of tribal population during that period; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred during the said period and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a): Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) [also called as Scheduled Tribe Component (STC)] is the dedicated source of fund for tribal development across the country. 41 Central Ministries has been mandated by NITI Aayog to earmark Tribal Sub-Plan funds in the range of 4.3% to 17.5% of their total Scheme allocation every year for tribal development. Besides, State Governments are mandated to earmark TSP funds in proportion of ST population in the State. The details of expenditure incurred by the Central Government for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes in the country during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Government	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
STC Component of Central Ministries / Departments	30020.25	33381.93	41943.43

(b) & (c): The Government has established Tribal Research Institutes in 24 States and 1 Union Territory. Core responsibility of TRIs is to function as a body of knowledge & research and as a think tank for tribal development, preservation of art & culture of tribal people. Funds are provided to the TRIs under the scheme 'Support to Tribal Research Institute (TRI)' to carry out various activities viz. research studies, evaluation studies, organization of training/seminar/workshop, organization of tribal festivals, baseline survey, publications, documentaries / documentation, organization of exchange visits, construction of museums, including tribal freedom fighters' museum etc. Conservation of culture of tribal population is also done through organization of national and regional level tribal festivals and various research studies under the scheme 'Tribal Festival, Research, Information and Mass Education'.

In order to acknowledge the heroic and patriotic deeds of tribal people, the Government has decided to establish a state-of-the-art Tribal Museum in the States where Tribals lived, struggled against the Britishers and refused to be bowed down so that the coming generations may know how tribals were far ahead in making sacrifices. MoTA has sanctioned proposals for setting up of museums for tribal freedom in 9 States as detailed below:

(₹. In Crore)

S. N.	State	Location	Project Cost	Year of Sanction	MoTA Commitment	Fund Released as on 16.09.2020
1	Gujarat	Rajpipla	102.55	2017-18	50.00	50.00
2	Jharkhand	Ranchi	36.66	2017-18	25.00	25.00
3	Andhra Pradesh	Lambasingi	35.00	2017-18	15.00	7.50
4	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	25.66	2017-18	15.00	4.65
5	Kerala	Kozhikode	16.16	2017-18	15.00	7.50
6	Madhya Pradesh	Chhindwara	38.26	2017-18	15.00	6.93
7	Telangana	Hyderabad	18.00	2018-19	15.00	1.00
8	Manipur	Senapati	51.38	2018-19	15.00	1.00
9.	Mizoram	Mualngo, Kelsih	15.00	2019-20	15.00	7.00
Total					165.00	110.58

National tribal festival/carnival is organized annually by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) to showcase glimpses of rich cultural heritage of tribal people across the country through unique forms of folk dances, songs, cuisine, exhibition and demonstration of traditional skill in painting, art and craft, medicinal practices etc. since 2015 as detailed below:

Year	Theme	Period	Venue
2015	National Tribal Festival-Vanaj	13th – 18th February,2015	Indira Gandhi Art and Cultural Centre, New Delhi
2016	National Tribal Carnival – 2016	25th – 28th October,2016	Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium and Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
2017	National Tribal Festival (Aadi Mahotsav)	16-30 November,2017	Dilli Haat, INA, Central Park, etc, New Delhi
2018	National Tribal Festival (Aadi Mahotsav)	16-30 November,2018	Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
2019	National Tribal Festival (Aadi Mahotsav)	16-30 November,2019	Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi

With the objective of preserving rich tribal cultural heritage and also to create awareness among others, a searchable digital repository has been developed where all research papers, books, reports and documents, folks songs, photos/videos with their metadata are uploaded. The repository currently has more than 10,000 photographs, videos and publications which are mostly done by TRIs. The repository also envisages to have folk songs, photos/videos regarding their evolution, place of origin, lifestyle, eating habits, architecture, education level, traditional art, folk dances and other anthropological details of the tribes in India so that the rich cultural heritage of tribals can be demonstrated world over.

In order to ensure synergy in the functioning of all Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) across the Country, the Government is contemplating to set up the National Tribal Research Institute to provide hand holding support for realizing the resolve of the Government to develop TRIs as a think tank and knowledge hub for tribal related issues.

The details of the amount released under the scheme of "Support to Tribal Research Institute" and "Tribal Festival, Research, Information and Mass Education" during last three years across the country is indicated below,

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the Scheme	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Support to Tribal Research Institute	79.00	99.01	109.98
Tribal Festival, Research, Information and Mass Education	4.57	24.99	23.71
