

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Integrated Development of Tribal Population

417. DR. PRATAP WAGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that areas having tribal population have been identified in different States for integrated development.

(b) if so, the number of such pockets, Statewise, and the tribal population covered; and

(c) the money allocated by the Centre for the development of these areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the Statement. I attached.

(c) The tribal sub-plan approach for tribal development was started during the Fifth Five Year Plan. The details of Special Central Assistance allocation to States/Union Territories are given in Statement II attached.

#### Statement I

Statewise number of Integrated Tribal Development Projects and Pockets of Tribal Concentration

S No.	State/U.Ts.	No. of I.T.D.P.	No. of Pockets	Scheduled Tribes Population in lakhs (1971-Census)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8	38	12.02
2.	Assam	19	—	9.63
3.	Bihar	14	41	42.10
4.	Gujarat	9	14	29.89
5.	Himachal Pradesh	5	2	1.01
6.	Karnataka	5	—	1.18
7.	Kerala	5	—	0.74
8.	Madhya Pradesh	42	56	73.68
9.	Maharashtra	15	18	20.18
10.	Manipur	5	—	3.13
11.	Orissa	21	30	37.80
12.	Rajasthan	5	36	20.29
13.	Sikkim	1	—	0.12

1	2	3	4	5
14.	Tamil Nadu	9	—	1.59
15.	Tripura	3	—	3.44
16.	Uttar Pradesh	1	1	0.24
17.	West Bengal	12	—	9.83
18.	A & N Islands	1	—	0.18
19.	Goa, Daman & Diu	1	—	0.07
Grand Total		181	236	267.12

In addition to the above, special programmes are also undertaken for 71 Primitive Tribes in the country.

### Statement II

#### Allocation of Special Central Assistance to States/UTs

Year/Period	Allocation (Rs. in crores)	
5th Five Year Plan	(1974-79)	190
	(1979-80)	70
6th Five Year Plan	(1980-85)	470
	(1980-81)	70
	(1981-82)	85
	(1982-83)	95
	(1983-84)	110

#### Decay to Himalayas due to Denudation and Commercial Exploitation of Forests

418. DR. PRATAP WAGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether denudation and commercial exploitation of forests have caused decay to the Himalayas; and

(b) the steps proposed to preserve the immense beauty of the Himalayas ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH) : (a) and (b) Denudation of forests is one of the important

causes of environmental degradation in the Himalayan region. Eco-Task Forces of ex-servicemen have been deployed in some ecologically degraded regions of Shivaliks in Uttar Pradesh for undertaking measures for ecological restoration. The Government is also actively considering creation of biosphere reserves to preserve the environmental conditions in the hilly regions including the Himalayas. An Institute of Himalayas Environment and Development is being set up to evolve integrated management strategies for conservation of natural resources for sustained development of the Himalayan regions. Ecodevelopment Camps have also been organised to restore some degraded sites.