

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:69
ANSWERED ON:29.02.2000
LIVELIHOOD SCHEMES IN TRIBALS
HEMA GAMANG

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of special schemes and programmes being implemented for livelihood of tribals living in forest; and
(b) the steps taken by the Government for providing alternative livelihood in view of shrinkage of forest?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

SHRI JUAL ORAM

(a) A special 100% Centrally Sponsored scheme namely `Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forest on Usufruct Sharing Basis` is being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forest with an outlay of Rs. 1500.00 lakhs during IX Plan for covering an area of 15677 hectares of degraded forest area in 14 States. Details of funds released for the last 3 years is given at Annexure-I. However, under Tribal Sub Plan strategy of this Ministry the entire tribal population, including those living in forests, are benefited through implementation of various schemes by the States/UT Administrations. Besides, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation and Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment are also implementing a number of schemes which cater to the overall development of the tribals, including those living in forests.

(b) The Ministry of Environment and Forest has formulated a 20 years perspective plan called the National Forestry Action Programme covering 26 States and Union Territories for sustainable development of forest/tree cover to 33% of the total geographical area of the country as stipulated in the National Forest Policy, 1988. With the current level of plantation undertaken by the State Forest Departments, the forest/tree cover in the country is bound to increase manifold.

Annexure in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 69 for 29-02-2000 by Smt Hema Gamang regarding Livelihood Schemes in Tribals. Yearwise outlay and released for the last 3 years under the scheme of `Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forest on Usufruct Sharing Basis`

SL. No. Year Outlay Released Proposed target/achievement (ha.)
(Rs. lakhs) (Rs. Lakhs)

1. 1997-98 190 87.2 2240 (Achieved)
2. 1998-99 210 183.3 3437 (preparatory work completed)
3. 1999-2000 305 223.96 3340 (work in progress)