

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:687  
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UPLIFT MERIT OF TRIBAL WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Tribal Women Empowerment Scheme was launched on April 11, 2002 for the economic upliftment of tribal women; and;

(b) if so, the details thereof and achievements of the above mentioned scheme so far?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) The National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) had in April, 2002, launched a new scheme titled `Adviasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana` (AMSY) for the economic development of Scheduled Tribe women below the poverty line.

(b) (1) The details of the AMSY are as under:

(i) Unit Cost: NSTFDC provides Term Loans for scheme (s)/Project(s) costing up to Rs. 50,000 per unit.

(ii) Quantum of Assistance: NSTFDC provides term loans up to 90% of the cost of the scheme(s)/project(s). The remaining amount is contributed by way of subsidy/ promoter`s contribution.

(iii) Interest Rate: NSTFDC charges a highly concessional interest @ 2% p.a. from the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) and the SCAs may charge a maximum interest @ 4% p.a. from the ultimate women beneficiaries.

(iv) Repayment Period: In quarterly/half yearly instalments within a maximum period of 10 years, including a suitable moratorium period.

(2) Achievements: Upon launching of the scheme, NSTFDC requested the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) of the respective States/UTs to submit viable proposals. Based on the proposal(s) received, two Schemes with an NSTFDC share of Rs. 35.90 lakhs for assisting 105 Scheduled Tribe women beneficiaries have been sanctioned till 31.10.2002.