

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR TRIBAL YOUTH
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any specific programme for providing employment to the youths belonging to tribal community of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a scheme of `Vocational Training in Tribal Areas` (VTC) under which grants are sanctioned for establishing Vocational Training Centers with a view to provide professional skills to the unemployed tribal youth to help them to earn a living through employment/ self employment. The National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) provides loans through State channelizing agencies (SCAs) to eligible tribal entrepreneurs to set up enterprises for Income generation. These enterprises also generate indirect employment. The salient features of the VTC scheme are:â€”

(a) The capacity of each Vocational Training Center (VTC) is 100 ST youths with a hostel facility for 50.

(b) Each VTC may cater to five vocational courses in traditional skills, depending upon the employment potential of the area.

(c) Each trainee is trained in two trades of his/her choice.

(d) The duration of each course in each trade is 3 months.

(e) Each trainee is also attached to a Master Craftsman in a semi-urban area for a period of 6 months for practical experience.

(f) The scheme can be implemented by the State Governments as also NGOs.
The salient feature of NSTFDC`s schemes are:â€”

To provide financial assistance to the eligible ST beneficiaries with an annual family income not exceeding double the poverty line income limit for undertaking viable schemes/projects costing up to Rs. 10 lakhs per unit profit centre for income generating activities in various spheres including agricultural, industrial and service sectors.

To provide training grants to the STs for upgradation of skills and knowledge.

To provide financial support for meeting working capital requirements for the procurement and marketing of MFP/agricultural produce collected/grown by the STs and marketing of tribal products through the State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations and TRIFED.