

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:162  
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2005  
EMPOWERMENT OF ADVASI WOMEN  
Shukla Smt. Karuna

**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan to empower Adivasi Women in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any recommendations from the National Commission for women in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS a to e OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 162 RAISED BY SHRIMATI KARUNA SHUKLA FOR ANSWER ON 15.03.2005 REGARDING 'EMPOWERMENT OF ADVASI WOMEN'

The National Policy for the Empowerment of Women, 2001 formulated by the Department of Women & Child Development provides for empowerment of women, including the Scheduled Tribe women. The Policy provides that in relation to girls or women belonging to Scheduled Tribes, to reduce the gender gap in secondary and higher education would be a focus area.

The Ministry also ensures empowerment of tribal people, including tribal women through its various policies, plans, schemes and programmes. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides for a separate women component under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan and programmes undertaken out of Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution besides implementing an exclusive scheme of Educational Complex in low literacy districts for education of tribal girls.

The National Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) implements the scheme of Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana (AMSY) which provides for term loan for scheme/projects costing upto Rs. 50,000/- per unit at an interest rate of 4% to the beneficiaries.

The National Commission for Women recommends wide ranging recommendations like abolition of 'dayan pratha' in Jharkhand, review of Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act, enhancement of literacy levels, eradication of malnutrition and starvation, curbing naxalite activities, economic empowerment of women, promotion of forest based industries, priority attention to handloom and handicrafts sector, etc. The Ministry is taking action for implementation of the recommendations through policies/schemes/programmes to the extent within the mandate of the Ministry.