

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRIMITIVE TRIBES

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of the States in the country where a large number of primitive tribes are living;
- (b) whether any scheme has been sponsored by the Union Government for the integrated development of those primitive tribes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken for the upliftment of those primitive tribes and particularly Shaharia tribes of Rajasthan during the last three years; and
- (e) the funds earmarked for the welfare of primitive tribes in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a) The States having large number of Primitive Tribes are Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Gujarat.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Central Sector Scheme of 'Development of Primitive Tribal Groups' has been under implementation since 1998-99 for integrated development of primitive tribes. The scheme is implemented through State Governments as well as Non-Governmental Organizations. The scheme is very flexible and it provides for financial assistance for taking up all those activities which are very crucial for the survival, protection and socio-economic and educational development of primitive tribes.

(d) : The Ministry have sanctioned large number of projects to State Governments and NGOs for land development, agriculture, irrigation, housing, drinking water, promotion of education and health services and many other programmes for skill upgradation of primitive tribes. The details of expenditure under the scheme during the last three years and the amount released for the development of 'Saharia' tribe in Rajasthan are as indicated below:

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Year	Amount released	Amount released for development of Shaharia in Rajasthan
1.	2001-02	14.18	-
2.	2002-03	13.75	1.14
3.	2003-04	16.13	0.10

(e) The approved allocation under the Scheme of Development of Primitive Tribal Groups during the Tenth Five Year Plan is Rs.111.87 crores. The year-wise breakup of approved outlay and actual estimates are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Approved Outlay (tenth plan)	Actual Allocation
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2002-03	20.00	13.75 (RE)
2003-04	21.00	16.13 (RE)
2004-05	22.41	21.50 (BE)
2005-06	23.90	-
2006-07	23.90	-