

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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LITERACY RATE OF TRIBALS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) The total tribal population of the country State-wise and gender-wise;
- (b) The literacy rate of tribals, gender-wise;
- (c) The number of Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDA) are functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (d) Whether these ITDAs are successfully carrying out their responsibilities/ tasks for the development of the tribal community; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Figures of state-wise and gender-wise tribal population in the country are given at Annexure.
- (b) : As per the Population Census 2001, the literacy rate of tribals is as follows:

| Total | Male  | Female |
|-------|-------|--------|
| 47.1% | 59.2% | 34.8%  |

(c) to (e): There are a total of 29 Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) functioning in two States, 8 in Andhra Pradesh and 21 in Orissa. In other States, there are Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs) which are not registered bodies. The various tasks mainly administrative, regulatory and developmental in nature, as assigned by the State Governments, are carried out satisfactorily by the ITDAs.