

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2798
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REPORT ON KILLING OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has sought report from the Chhattisgarh Government on the killing of Tribals as reported in the Times of India dated July 20, 2006;
- (b) If so, the details of the report submitted by the State Government; and
- (c) The details of the steps taken by the Government for development of Tribals ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs had sought a report from the State Government of Chhattisgarh. The State Government has reported that during the night of 16/17 July, 2006 a group of five hundred unknown armed naxalites attacked the relief camp of the `Salwa Judum` movement situated at Village-Errabore in Dantewada District. In this incident, 31 persons were killed and 20 persons injured. The State Government of Chhattisgarh has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1 lakh each to the families of the deceased persons. The State Government has also sanctioned an amount of Rs. 30,000/- each to four persons who were seriously injured, Rs. 20,000/- each to 13 other persons injured, and Rs. 2,000/- each to 3 persons who suffered minor injuries. In addition to the above, the State Government has also decided to provide a residential house, worth Rs. 1 lakh and a Government job to one of the dependants of the deceased persons. The State Government has increased the security of the `Salwa Judum` movement camps.

(c) In addition to the development programmes of the State Government and the schemes implemented by various sectoral Ministries of the Government of India which cover tribals as well as other people, this Ministry also implements a number of central sector/centrally sponsored schemes for the development of Scheduled Tribes in the country. The details of these schemes are available in the Annual Report of this Ministry for the year 2005-06.