

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:167
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2006
DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST VILLAGES
Vijay Krishna Shri

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of developing forest villages;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received proposals for the development of forest villages;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly from Bihar and Jharkhand;
- (d) the funds allocated/utilised therefor, State-wise; and
- (e) the number of villages developed as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 167 BY SHRI VIJOY KRISHNA REGARDING "DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST VILLAGES" DUE FOR REPLY ON 04.12.2006.

(a) The objective of developing forest villages is to improve the quality of life of the village community by providing basic minimum facilities and services like food, safe drinking water, health care, primary education, approach roads, other infrastructure facilities etc.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) & (d) The Govt. of India provides assistance for the development of forest villages under the Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) Scheme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The proposals received from the States are recommended by the Ministry of Environment & Forests to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for approval as per prescribed procedure and for release of funds. As per the information provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the State-wise details of funds released are given in the annexure. There is no forest village in the State of Bihar.

(e) As per the information provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, funds have been released for the development of 2179 villages.