

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SKILL UPGRADATION SCHEMES FOR ST STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the skill upgradation scheme being run by the Union Government for the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to the State Government for running of these schemes;
- (c) whether these schemes are being successfully running with the financial assistance provided for their implementation; and
- (d) if not, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken for effective implementation of these schemes in the States and Union Territories?

**Answer**

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

(a): This Ministry does not have a specific scheme for skill upgradation for ST students. There is however, a scheme entitled "Upgradation of Merit for ST students" which aims at improving the standards of learning of ST students by providing them with remedial and special coaching in classes IX to XII. There is also a scheme of Vocational Training Centres in Tribal Areas to develop the skill of the tribal youth in order to enable them gain employment/self employment.

(b), (c) & (d): Do not arise.