

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:392
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2006
. VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Vocational Training Center(VTC) set up in tribal areas under the Central Sector Scheme of vocational training including the number of tribal youths trained, State-wise;
- (b) whether more VTCs are proposed are to be set up in the country particularly in Assam;
- (c) if so, the details thereof location-wise;
- (d) whether the functioning of several VTCs particularly in Assam have been hampered due to non release of grants-in-aid since year 2004-05.
- (e) if so, the reasons therefore alongwith the time by which the requisite fund are likely to be released; and
- (f) the steps being taken for the timely release of grants to such centers?

Answer

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

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(a):A statement showing the number of Vocational Training Centers sanctioned to various State Govts/NGOs with number of trainees during last three years is at Annexure.

(b) &(c):Vocational Training Centers for Scheduled Tribes are sanctioned to the State Governments/UT Administrations/NGOs subject to the availability of funds and based on proposals sent by the States/UTs/NGOs to this Ministry at the locations proposed by them. Assam already has been sanctioned 26 VTCs. No more VTCs have been proposed by the State Govt.

(d)&(e):Funds amounting to Rs. 62,53,800/- and Rs. 65,37,300/- were released to the State Govt. of Assam in respect of 10 ongoing VTCs, during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06.

(f):Grants are released to States/UTs on receipt of complete proposals including utilization certificates and physical progress reports in respect of the funds released in previous years, subject to availability of funds.