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Title: Need to include Soliga Tribe living in the Chamarajanagar Parliamentary Constituency, Karnataka in the list of Primitive Tribal Groups.

SHRI R. DHRUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): There is a need to include Soliga Tribal Community living in the forests of my Parliamentary Constituency in the list of primitive tribal groups to make item eligible for benefits by the State.

The Scheduled Tribe group who were identified as more backward communities among the tribal population groups have been categorized as 'Primitive Tribal Groups' (PTGs) by the Government at the Centre in 1975. So far, seventy-five tribal communities have been identified in this groups in different States of India. In Karnataka only two groups such as Jenukuruba and Koraga community have been identified as primitive tribal groups omitting the Soliga tribes. Such a thing would deprive the members of other ST groups of the Central benefits. The Chamarajnagar district had different ST groups such as Jenukuruba, Kadu Kuruba and Soliga. According to 2001 census, the population of Soliga tribes in Chamarajnagar district was more than 30,000. The lifestyle and culture of all these groups were alike. Non-inclusion of the Soliga's in the primitive tribal list would only give rise to confusion and could create problems among the different tribal groups in future.

Hence, I would like to urge the Government to take steps to include Soliga community people in the list of primitive tribal groups by according the primitive tag so as to facilitate them to avail the various benefits extended by the various schemes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.