

Investments under tribal area development programme

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge investments have been made in the fields of dam construction, power generation, mineral production and heavy industry under tribal area development programme;
- (b) if so, the investment made during the last five years;
- (c) the number of tribal families benefited from this;
- (d) the number of families displaced as a result of it;
- (e) whether there has been no direct or indirect benefit of these tribal area development schemes to the tribals and their condition continues to be deplorable as usual;
- (f) whether the adoption of family centric approach instead of region centric approach is the only option for tribal development; and
- (g) whether Government would act in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs does not have any Tribal Area Development Programme for making huge investments in the fields of dam construction, power generation, mineral production and heavy industry.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) "Land" is a 'State subject' under the Constitution. Therefore, the acquisition of land for construction of various development projects, leading to displacement of people including scheduled tribes, is done by the State Governments/UT Administrations under Land Acquisition Act, 1894. This Ministry does not maintain data on the number of families displaced as a result of huge investments made in the fields of dam construction, power generation, mineral production and heavy industry under tribal area development programme.

(e) and (f) Since Ministry of Tribal Affairs, has no Tribal Development Programme involving huge investments in dam construction, power generation, mineral production and heavy industry, there is no information available with this Ministry.

(g) Does not arise.

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