

Poverty alleviation programme for tribals

1954. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the tribal population in the sub-plan-area of the country;
- (b) the tribal population of each sub-plan-area of the respective States;
- (c) the percentage of tribal population living below poverty line on those areas of the country;
- (d) the poverty alleviation/elimination programmes of Central and State Governments; and
- (e) how much more time will be required to completely eradicate poverty of the scheduled areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) Such information is neither maintained by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, nor in the office of Census Commission of India.

(d) and (e) The social sector programme/schemes/strategies of all welfare Ministries and Departments are designed with the objective of eradicating poverty. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan is a special area programme, provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the State Governments as an additive to the State Plan to bring about a more rapid economic development of tribals in the States. In addition, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has programmes on education, vocational training, income generation and infrastructure development benefiting all categories of Scheduled Tribes. No time frame for eradicating the poverty of STs in Scheduled Tribes can be indicated.

Tribal population

1955. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total population of tribals in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the percentage of tribal population living above poverty line and below poverty line, State-wise; and
- (c) the programmes of Government to completely eradicate poverty in the country specially those belonging to tribal groups and how much time will be required for the complete eradication of poverty in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) As per census 2001 total population of tribals in the country is 84,326,240. State-wise tribal population is given in the Statement-I (See below).