

new districts in the State, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent proposals for reorganization of Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs), expansion of Tribal Sub Plan areas i.e., 3 ITDPs, 7 MADA Pockets and 3 Clusters by including new villages and change in name of districts in respect of 6 ITDPs, 2 MADA Pockets and 1 Cluster.

(c) The proposals have been examined in this Ministry, in consultation with the Government of Madhya Pradesh as per criteria laid down for declaration of ITDPs, MADA Pockets and Clusters. The State Government is to submit a revised proposal, accordingly.

Decline in population of tribals.

2578. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was a decline in the population of tribals during the last three censuses;
- (b) if so, the number of tribals according to the last three censuses, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the reasons for this decline; and
- (d) the measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY) : (a) No, Sir. There is no decline in the population of tribals during the last three censuses.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of above.

Schemes and programmes of tribals

2579. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various programmes/schemes implemented by his Ministry for ameliorating the conditions of tribals in the country, State-wise and scheme/programme-wise;
- (b) how his Ministry is coordinating with other Ministries which are also implementing various programmes for the welfare of tribals in the country; and