

(Mixed Reference Period) at constant prices (1987- 88 base) has increased by 7.25% per annum in rural areas and 5.86% in urban areas between 2009-10 and 2011-12. This shows that the increase in average monthly per capita expenditure in rural areas is higher as compared to urban areas during 2009-10 to 2011-12.

(b) Government has given priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and to accelerate the growth rate of the rural economy. For the development of infrastructure in the villages, the Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing major schemes in areas of rural employment generation, rural housing, rural infrastructure, area development, and social assistance to target groups, which are intended to develop the rural areas and particularly the villages by ways of increasing the income and improving the standard of living of the rural population.

Tribal University in Odisha

3912. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal for setting up of a Tribal University has been received from the Government of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the present status of consideration of such a proposal; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would consider establishment of a multi-campus Tribal University in Odisha considering its tribal population and the large number of tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA): (a) and (c) There is no proposal for setting up of a Tribal University in the State of Odisha.

- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Claims for encroached land under FRA

†3913. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that most of the claims made by tribals for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.