

several programmes on folk, tribal culturrs, festivals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the preservation of cultural life of the Tribals. The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, has undertaken various projects for the preservation of tribal culture in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, including study on the language of particularly vulnerable tribes. Andaman and Nicobar Administration encourage tribal communities to showcase the rich culture heritage of Nicobarese in the Island Tourism Festival at Port Blair, every year.

(b) The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has apprised that a Memorial has been constructed at the entrance of the Water Sports Complex at Port Blair in the memory of those Great Andamanese, who had laid down their lives in the famous Battle of Aberdeen fought on 17th May 1859 against Britishers and a solemn function is organized every year on this day. Ministry of Culture, through its autonomous organization namely Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Kolkata, had organized a theatre show namely "Aberdeen Ki Ladai" performed by rural artistes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the year 2006 at Kolkata and Santiniketan.

Funds released for hostels for ST girls and boys

†143. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise quantum of funds released during the last three years for the construction of hostels and vocational training centres for the boys and girls belonging to the Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the percentage of success as per the prescribed target, towards which the scheme is heading;

(c) whether it is a fact that the impediments of funds released by the Central Government is affecting the success of this scheme; and

(d) the details of the students beneficiaries under this scheme during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA): (a) The requisite details sought in this part of the question are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds for Construction of Hostels for ST Boys and Girls. It also provides Grant in Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of STs. While the Ministry of Tribal Affairs does not provide funds for construction of Vocational Training Centres, it provides for running such centres through the State Governments and Voluntary Organizations. These schemes do not prescribe any target. However, the State Governments are encouraged to give preference to those Vocational Training Centres who show better employability of their students.

(c) No, Sir. Funds are released provided the recipient organization fulfils the conditions prescribed in the scheme.

(d) The requisite details sought in this part of the question are given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

*The State-wise funds released during last years to construct hostels
and vocational training centres for ST girls and boys*

(A) Details of Funds released to State Governments/UT Administrations/Universities and utilization thereof under the Scheme of Hostels for ST Girls and Boys during the last three years *i.e.* from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	Funds Released		
		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	279.81	846.73	800.00
2.	Bihar	0.00	0.00	1000.00
3.	Chhattisgarh	0.00	133.77	2645.67
4.	Gujarat	187.06	939.33	0.00
5.	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	480.47
6.	Jammu and Kashmir	0.00	101.00	0.00
7.	Jharkhand	0.00	322.00	2000.00
8.	Kerala	0.00	553.45	1599.63
9.	Madhya Pradesh	2291.57	0.00	5305.00
10.	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	2631.00

1	2	3	4	5
11.	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	190.00
12.	Mizoram	0.00	2289.43	574.70
13.	Nagaland	0.00	810.95	300.00
14.	Odisha	1697.50	0.00	500.00
15.	Rajasthan	1750	3096.87	3132.00
16.	Sikkim	460.29	0.00	721.54
17.	Tamil Nadu	0.00	112.73	0.00
18.	Telangana	0.00	0.00	126.00
19.	Tripura	883.77	1906.01	1797.62
20.	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	0.00	222.94
21.	Uttarakhand	0.00	0.00	75.00
22.	West Bengal	0.00	0.00	600.00
23.	Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat	62.92	0.00	0.00
24.	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	0.00	0.00	304.99
25.	Mizoram University	437.08	0.00	195.01
TOTAL		8050.00	11112.27	25201.57

(B) Details of Funds released to State Governments/UT Administrations and utilization thereof under the Scheme of Vocational Training in Tribal Areas during last three years and current financial year *i.e.* from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	Funds Released		
		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1.	Assam	89.00	276.21	485.70
2.	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.	Madhya Pradesh	88.00	150.74	0.00
4.	Mizoram	88.00	69.68	0.00
TOTAL		265.00	496.63	485.70

Statement-II

Details of the students beneficiaries under the scheme during last three years

(A) State-wise number of beneficiaries under the scheme of vocational training in tribal areas during 2012-13 to 2015-16.

(₹ in lakh)				
Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1.	Assam	1360	2300	1300
2.	Gujarat	0	0	0
3.	Karnataka	80	120	200
4.	Madhya Pradesh	587	0	0
5.	Meghalaya	160	160	100
6.	Mizoram	500	0	0
7.	Nagaland	80	0	340
TOTAL		2767	2580	1940

(B) No. of Beneficiaries under the scheme of Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations Working for welfare of STs.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1.	Hostel	2085	7343	11447

Increasing cases of infant deaths at tribal settlements in Attappady, Kerala

144. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increased cases of infant deaths, miscarriages and neonatal deaths occurred in 2015 at tribal settlement in Attappady in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what measures are being taken for the proper implementation of the on going Government sponsored tribal welfare schemes in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA): (a) The Government of Kerala has reported that the incidence of infant/neonatal death have been reduced in Attappady area of Palakkad District during 2015 as compared to the year 2013 and 2014. The details are as under: