

**Impact of changes in tribal way of life**

1979. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has carried out any study to find out the impact of changes in tribal way of life and food habits among the indigenous tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is working along with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to prepare a plan to counter increasing incidence of lifestyle diseases among tribals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR): (a) No, Sir,

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

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been focusing on universal access to basic health facilities for tribal population including improving their nutritional status with special focus to counter increasing incidences of lifestyle diseases among tribals. It supplements interventions of other Ministries through critical gap filling. The Ministry has been coordinating with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Women and Child Development in this regard. Besides, the funds allocated by the Ministry to the States/UTs, inter-alia, address the issues covering health of tribal population in general. The Ministry have also emphasized use of traditional food, minor millet in the food basket through intervention in schools, inclusion in curriculum personal hygiene, habit of clean toilets etc. for dissemination by State Tribal Research Institutes as well.

**Formulation of National Tribal Policy**

1980. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is considering to come up with a National Tribal Policy;

(b) if so, by when this policy will be formulated; and

(c) whether the tribal-dominated States will also be consulted in the process?