

a way forward. As the recommendations contained in the Report of HLC would have far reaching implications on policy formulation, it has been felt that a new comprehensive, concise and focussed National Tribal Policy be brought out.

Allocation of funds to Uttarakhand for STs

†1178. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any request from the Government of Uttarakhand for allocation of funds for the financial year 2015-16 for economic, educational scholarship and social development of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for the received proposal and the amount which is yet to be sanctioned;

(c) the time until when the balance amount would be sanctioned and sent to the state; and

(d) if not, the reason for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR): (a) to (d) State Government of Uttarakhand had submitted following proposals for financial assistance under different Schemes of Ministry:

- (i) The Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) under the Chairmanship of Secretary, TA directed State Government to send revised proposal. Revised Proposal has since been received under Scheme of "Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups for Conservation-Cum-Development (CCD) Plan seeking financial assistance of ₹ 2.08 crore.
- (ii) Under Scheme of "Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan", financial assistance of ₹ 3.89 crore was sought. The proposal was examined in PAC which directed State Government to send revised proposal which is still awaited.
- (iii) Under Scheme of "Grant under Article 275(I)", a sum of ₹ 0.92 crore was released.
- (iv) Under "Post Metric Scholarship" financial assistance of ₹ 3471.08 lakh was sought. ₹ 900.00 lakh has been released in 2015-16 and arrear amount of ₹ 3817.57 lakh was released during 2016-17.
- (v) Under "Pre-matric Scholarship" financial assistance of ₹ 107.00 lakh has been released out of ₹ 324.53 lakh sought.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.