

Health needs of tribal people

4458. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any survey regarding the health needs of tribal people in tribal dominated areas across the country considering the fact that the tribal people are confined to particular habitation which are generally far from cities/towns/villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR): (a) and (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare periodically conducts surveys which provide data regarding health indicators of Scheduled Tribes (STs). National Family Health Survey (NFHS) initiated in early 1990's is a large scale, multi-round survey conducted throughout the country covering Scheduled Tribe (ST) households also. The fourth round of the NFHS conducted during 2015-16, provides estimates of fertility, mortality, maternal and child health indicators, child nutrition for all population as well as STs at the National and State levels.

Besides NFHS, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare periodically conducts District Level Household and Facility Survey (DLHS) to provide district level estimates on health indicators. The District Level Household and Facility Survey (DLHS-4) was last conducted in 2012-13 and it provided data pertaining to STs.

The Coverage Evaluation Survey 2009 (CES-2009), a nationwide survey was conducted for all States and Union Territories of India, during November 2009 to January 2010. The survey provided data with respect to STs on different health indicators relating to child health, maternal health, maternal care, immunisation, institutional delivery, vaccination, etc.

A Rapid Survey on Children (RSOC) was commissioned by Ministry of Women and Child Development across 29 States during 2013. This survey provided data pertaining to important indicators in respect of Scheduled Tribes, for example, maternal health care, institutional delivery, birth weight, immunization, nutritional status of children, morbidity, etc.

The surveys on Social Consumption relating to Health, conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation,

are an important source of data on basic quantitative information on the health sector. NSSO has brought out "Health in India" in April 2016, based on NSS 71st Round (January, 2014-June, 2014). It contains data pertaining to Scheduled Tribes also.

To cater to the basic needs of effective planning, monitoring and management of health infrastructure data in rural areas, M/o Health and Family Welfare has been bringing out an annual publication, namely, "Rural Health Statistics (RHS)" in India. The latest issue of this publication containing data upto 31st March, 2017 was released in June, 2017. The RHS Bulletin is compiling information on various aspects of Rural Health Care Services, including rural health infrastructure, health human resources, their training need, building position of facilities, etc. It also provides detailed statistics on Rural Health Infrastructure in Tribal Areas. The requirement is calculated using the prescribed norms for rural health care infrastructure as given below:-

Centre	Population Norms	
	Plain Area	Hilly/Tribal/Difficult Area
Sub Centre	5000	3000
Primary Health Centre	30,000	20,000
Community Health Centre	1,20,000	80,000

(c) Question does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Implementation of Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana

4459. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY) in 27 States where it was to be launched;

(b) the number of States which have not implemented the scheme, so far, including the reasons for the delay in implementation; and

(c) whether Government has set any deadline for the same and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR): (a) to (c) Government of India launched "Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY)" during 2014-15 for holistic development of tribal people across the country. The VKY has been adopted as a strategic process. This process envisages to ensure delivery of goods and services to the tribal population across the country with outcome-oriented approach while striking