

Inclusion of Saharia in PVTGs

†2860. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of States and districts where the tribal people of Saharia ethnicity reside in the country;
- (b) the States where the said tribes are included in Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and the States in which they are not included, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Saharia tribals are included in PVTGs in Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action that would be taken by Government for the inclusion of said tribes in PVTGs of Lalitpur district in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RENUKA SINGH SARUTA): (a) Saharia is notified as a Scheduled Tribe (ST) in the States of Chhattisgarh (Serial No. 38) and Madhya Pradesh (Serial No. 42).

(b) Saharia is identified as a PVTG in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Besides, Saharia is identified as a PVTG in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) No Sir. No such proposal is received from the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Aadi Mahotsav tribal festival

2861. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has organised Aadi Mahotsav tribal festival;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with aims and objectives thereof;
- (c) the main theme of the event;
- (d) the number of tribal artisans and artists from different States participated in the festival;

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- (e) the financial benefits that the tribal artist got out of this festival; and
- (f) whether Government has organised similar event in the past and if so, the details thereof along with achievement in organising such festival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RENUKA SINGH SARUTA): (a) to (f) Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) has organised National Tribal Festival titled "Aadi Mahotsav" in collaboration with Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) from 16th to 30th November, 2019 at DilliHaat, New Delhi. The 15day long festival comprised of display and sale of tribal art and craft, tribal medicine, tribal craft demonstrations, tribal cuisine and Tribal folk performances in the evenings. More than 500 tribal artisans and artists from different States participated in the festival and realized the direct sales of more than ₹ 3.00 crores (provisional) till 25.11.2019.

The first such festival was organised during the year 2017-18 by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED in Delhi during the month of November, 2017. Keeping in view the encouraging response which is received from all quarters, TRIFED subsequently organised five more 'Aadi Mahotsavs' during 2017-18 and eleven during 2018-19 across the country. The festival held at New Delhi during 2018 generated a business of more than ₹ 16.00 crores during 15 days long event, which was 400% rise as compared to the previous year. It included direct sale of ₹ 3.05 Crores by artisans and purchase orders worth ₹ 12.75 Crores received by them from different organisations including TRIFED for next 12 months, against which ₹2.00 Crores worth of stocks was lifted on the last day.

Consultants/advisors working in the Ministry

2862. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of full time consultants and/or advisors currently working with the Ministry and it's various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/Institutions and Public Sector Organisations associated with it as of 31st August, 2019;
- (b) since when are they working and the total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being paid to them, Department/Institution-wise; and