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DEVELOPMENT OF NOMADIC TRIBES

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT BE pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to promote the socio-economic development of the De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic communities;
- (b) whether Government has identified and formally classified the communities of De-notified Nomadic Tribes (DNT), Semi-Nomadic Tribes (SNT) and Notified Tribes (NT);
- (c) whether Government has accepted the recommendations of the Idade Commission for Nomadic Tribes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

(a) To promote the socio-economic development, Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DWBDNCs) has been constituted on 21.02.2019 for a period of three years extendable upto 5 years with following terms of reference:-

- To formulate and Implement Welfare and Development programme as required, for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities.
- To identify the locations/areas where these communities are densely populated.
- To assess and identify gaps in accessing existing programmes and entitlements and to collaborate with Ministries/Implementing agencies to ensure that ongoing programmes meet the special requirements of De-notified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities.
- To monitor and evaluate the progress of the schemes of Government of India and the States/UTs with reference to De-notified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities.
- Any other related work as may be assigned by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

In addition, the following schemes are being implemented by the Central Govt. through State Government/UT Administrations for the DNTs:-

1. Pre and Post Matric Scholarships to DNT Students.
2. Nanaji Deshmukh Scheme of Construction of Hostels for DNT Boys and Girls.

(b) As per Cabinet decision a committee under Chairmanship of Vice Chairman NITI Aayog is in place which has taken up the task of identification of DNT communities which are yet to be formally classified. NITI Aayog has assigned the task of ethnographic survey of 62 tribes to the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) to conduct the studies of these communities in different parts of the country.

(c) to (e) As per the recommendations of the Idate Commission for Nomadic Tribes DWBDNC has been constituted on 21.02.2019 for a period of three years. Besides following schemes have also been launched for educational empowerment of DNTs:

- (i) Dr. Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for DNT Boys and Girls.
- (ii) Nanaji Deshmukh Scheme of Construction of Hostels for DNT Boys and Girls.
