GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No 453
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021

DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBALS IN WEST BENGAL

453. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) the amount of funds provided to the State Government of West Bengal under article 275 of Constitution during the last three years;
(b) the type of development works specified on which the said funds has been spent;
(c) whether development works have been carried out in the districts of West Bengal by spending said funds;
(d) if so, the names of the said districts; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor;
(f) the present status of the said proposal; and
(g) the time by when the said proposal is likely to be finalized along with the reasons for delay therein?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) The amount of funds provided to the State Government of West Bengal under the scheme of Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution during the last three years i.e. 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, are Rs. 5376.51 lakh, Rs. 9235.725 lakh and Rs. 12127.17 lakh respectively.
(b) to (d) Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution are intended to address need of plugging critical gaps and as per norms, States are supposed to prioritize among sectoral activities such as education, health, agriculture and allied activities, other income generating schemes and administrative structure. As per Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) approval, funds have been sanctioned for development activities in various districts like Malda, Dakshin Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Durgapur, Siliguir, Alipurduar, Bankura, Purulia, Paschim Medinipur, Burdwan, Jhargram, Birbhum, Darejeeling, Kalimpong, Uttar Dinajpur and Murshidabad. The State Govt. has submitted Utilization Certificate (UC) of the funds released for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 and the UC for 2019-20 (capital works) is not yet due as per provisions of General Financial Rules (GFRs).
(e) to (g) Does not arise.

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