

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- #1736**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 16/03/2022

**ASSISTANCE FOR CELEBRATING TRIBAL FESTIVALS**

1736 # SHRI SAMIR ORAON:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is providing any financial assistance to celebrate other tribal festivals/fairs like Medaram Jatara celebrated in Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details of the festivals enlisted under this category in the country; and
- (c) the details of the total amount of funds allocated in Jharkhand to celebrate such festivals/fairs during the last two years?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b):** Under the scheme of 'Support to TRIs', Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides financial assistance to State Governments, based on their proposals, for organizing State level festivals such as Hornbill festival of Nagaland, Pawl-kut festival of Mizoram , Medaram Jatara of Telangana. Apart from these, funds are provided for craft melas, painting and art competitions based on proposals received from State Government. Further, TRIFED also organizes Adi Mahotsav festival in Delhi and at state level.

**(c):** TRIFED had organized Aadi Mahotsav at Ranchi during 2019-20 with total expenditure of Rs.102.32 lakhs. TRI Jharkhand has been sanctioned an amount of Rs. 84 Lakhs in the year 2021-22 for various activities including organizing National Workshop of Festival of Tribal & Folk painters of India, organizing functions in memorial of tribal freedom fighters and for participation of its artisans and artists in various festivals, craft melas & other programmes being organized across the country.

In the year 2020-21, since there was unspent balance available with the State Tribal Research Institute (TRI) and no utilization certificates were submitted by the state, therefore funds could not be released to TRI Jharkhand despite approval of Rs.100.95 lakhs by the Project Approval Committee under the scheme. The details of projects sanctioned can be seen at website of the Ministry(tribal.nic.in).

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