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MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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UPLIFTING LOCAL TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the key developmental projects undertaken by Government which aim to benefit the local tribal communities; and
- (b) the initiatives taken by Government to ensure that Government schemes effectively reach the grassroots level?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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(a) to (b): Government is implementing Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) as a strategy for the development of Scheduled Tribes and areas having tribal concentration in the country. Besides Ministry of Tribal Affairs, 41 Ministries/Departments are allocating certain percentage of their total scheme budget every year for tribal development under DAPST for various tribal development projects relating to education, health, agriculture, irrigation, roads, housing, electrification, employment generation, skill development, etc.

During FY 2023-24, Government launched Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) for socio-economic development of 75 PVTG communities residing in 18 states and one UT. The mission aims to provide basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, electrification of unelectrified households and sustainable livelihood opportunities in 3 years. These objectives are planned to be met through 11 interventions implemented by 9-line Ministries. PM JANMAN has total budgetary outlay of Rs.24,104 Cr (Central share: ₹15336 Cr and State share: ₹8768 Cr).

Hon'ble PM launched Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan on 2nd October, 2024. The Abhiyan comprises of 25 interventions implemented by 17-line Ministries and aims to saturate infrastructural gaps in 63,843 villages, improve access to health, education, Anganwadi facilities and providing livelihood opportunities benefiting more than 5 crore tribals in 549 districts and 2,911 blocks in 30 States/UTs in 5 years. The Abhiyan has total budgetary outlay of Rs.79,156 Cr (Central share: ₹56,333 Cr and State share: ₹22,823 Cr).

Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) was started in the year 2018-19 to provide quality education at par with Navodaya Vidyalaya to the tribal children in their own environment. Under the new scheme, Government decided to establish 440 EMRSs, one EMRS in every block having more

than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons (as per census 2011). 288 EMRS schools were initially funded under Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution, which are being upgraded as per the new model. Accordingly, Ministry has set the target to set up total of 728 EMRSs benefiting around 3.5 lakh ST students across the country.

Under the Proviso to Article 275(1) of Constitution, Ministry of Tribal Affairs release grants to States, having ST population for raising the level of administration in Scheduled Areas and for the welfare of tribal people. This is a Special Area Programme and 100% grants are provided to States. Funds are released to the State Governments depending on the felt needs of ST population to bridge the gap in infrastructure activities in the fields of education, health, skill development, livelihood, drinking water, sanitation, etc.

Further, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing other schemes/programmes - Pre-Matric Scholarships to ST students, Post Matric Scholarship to ST students, Grant-in Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes, Pradhan Mantri Jan Jatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) etc. for the welfare and development of the Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the country.

Meetings/ Conferences are convened at the Central level with State officials for ensuring timely submission of proposals, speeding up of implementation of the scheme, and reviewing the physical and financial progress. Officers while visiting States/UTs also ascertain the progress of implementation of the scheme. Ministry organized workshops/Manthan Shivirs in which representatives from line Ministries/Departments and their counterparts from State Governments participated. The officers were sensitized in the workshop. Horizontal interaction of officers at district and block level of line departments is happening under PM JANMAN and DAJGUA.

Ministry has developed online portal for all the scholarship schemes and advertisement in newspaper is also given when the portals are opened for inviting applications. All Universities, colleges and Institutions are also asked to make wide publicity about these schemes. The States are also asked to make ST students aware about the schemes and help students in preparation of basic documents like Aadhar, Bank Account, Caste certificate etc. so as to enable students to take benefit under the schemes.

The Ministry has held an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign to enhance the reach and effectiveness of PM-JANMAN and DAJGUA to increase awareness of government schemes and ensure their implementation. Beneficiary saturation camps were also organized during the campaign. Various IEC materials in tribal mother tongues are created and disseminated in tribal areas to generate awareness about various schemes and programmes with a view to percolate to the tribal so as to avail benefits of tribal development programme.

To regularly monitor the intervention-wise or ministry-wise progress of the mission, ministry-wise interactive dashboards have been developed on PM Gati Shakti portal. In these dashboards, the dynamic data is directly fetched from the MIS portals of the respective line ministries through API sharing and useful fields are visualized on the dashboard. Under each Ministry intervention, real time monitoring of the achievements of their respective scheme has been linked through API. There is a facility to know the progress of all 11 Interventions/scheme under PM JANMAN at a single platform. This robust database and gap analysis specific to PVTGs have provided critical insights into the existing gaps in villages/habitations. The PM Gati Shakti database, gap analysis, monitoring

dashboards, reports etc have enabled Ministries/departments to identify the most pressing needs, plan targeted interventions and monitor the progress effectively.

The Ministry through TRIFED and NSTFDC organizes various Adi Mahotsav across country where artisans from across country are invited to showcase and sell their products. During national and regional programs, events, fair and exhibitions mass awareness is created through exhibits, posters, pamphlets, leaflets and cultural programmes by States/UTs administration, TRIFED and NSTFDC.
