

Sl. No.	Schemes/Programmes	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
12.	Ashram Schools in TSP Areas	3.00	—	3.00	—	—
13.	Research Information and Mass Education, Tribal Festivals and others	9.80	—	28.12	—	0.44
TOTAL		1165.88	1463.00	1560.90	2052.95	1800.02

Jhodias for tribal status

1622. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jhodias of Kashipur (Bhubaneswar) are asking for restoration of their tribal status in the matter of reservation in jobs and educational institutions;

(b) whether the matter of restoring Jhodias' scheduled tribe status is pending with Government;

(c) whether they have threatened to stop payment of taxes and boycott the next Lok Sabha election; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to resolve the issue at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI F.S. KULASTE): (a) and (b) Jhodias of Kashipur (Bhubaneshwar) do not appear in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Orissa. However, a proposal for inclusion of Jhodia as synonyms of Paroja at S.No. 55 has been received in this Ministry from the State Government for inclusion in the ST list. The proposal has been processed as per the approved modalities.

(c) During the last election to the Panchayat Raj Institution, they had agitated at the District level proposing to boycott the election.

(d) State Government as well this Ministry has no information that the Jhodias are planning to boycott the Parliament Elections.