

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4752**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020

**FOREST LAND ALLOTTED TO TRIBALS**

†4752. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether forest land has been allotted to tribals in tribal dominated areas to enable them to carry out cultivation and earn their livelihood;
- (b) if so, the number of tribals allotted forest land in tribal dominated areas especially in Maharashtra during the last three years till date;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared or proposes to prepare any programme to provide water to irrigate the said forest land allotted to the tribal farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFIARS

(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) &(b): The Scheduled Tribes and Other traditional forest dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights), Act, 2006 (FRA) is an Act to recognise and vest the forest rights and occupation in forest land in forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers. In terms of the Act and the Rules made thereunder, State Governments / UTs are responsible for implementation of the Act. As per information received, details of claims received, titles distributed and the extent of forest land for which titles distributed (individual and community), as on 30.11.2019 is at **Annexure-I**. As per information received from State Government, status of recognition of individual Forest Rights in Maharashtra during the last three years is as under:-

As on 31.12.2017	As on 30.11.2018	As on 30.11.2019
1,06,898	1,14,216	1,65,032

- ( c ) to ( e ) Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides demand driven financial support for development projects under the Schemes of Special Central Assistance and of Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups as also through Grants under Article 275(1). Such requirements, if any, are covered through these initiatives.

**Annexure-I**

Annexure of reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4752 due for answer on 23.03.2020 regarding “Forest land allotted to tribals” asked by Shri Ashok Mahadeorao Nete.

State wise details of claims received, titles distributed and the extent of forest land for which titles distributed (individual and community), as on 30.11.2019, in major States, is indicated below:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 30.11.2019			No. of Titles Distributed upto 30.11.2019			Extent of Forest land for which titles distributed (in acres)		
		Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,77,446	4,062	1,81,508	96,675	1,374	98,049	2,39,554	4,53,384	6,92,938.00
2	Assam	1,48,965	6,046	1,55,011	57,325	1,477	58,802	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR
3	Bihar	8,022	NA/NR	8,022	121	0	121	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR
4	Chhattisgarh	8,58,682	31,558	8,90,240	4,01,251	21,967	4,23,218	8,43,100.69	20,38,146.15	28,81,246.84
5	Goa	9,758	378	10,136	17	8	25	76.60	10.25	86.86
6	Gujarat	1,82,869	7,187	1,90,056	88,226	3,516	91,742	1,39,776.25	11,61,351.00	13,01,127.25
7	Himachal Pradesh	2,071	170	2,241	129	7	136	5.96	4,670.56	4,676.52
8	Jharkhand	1,07,032	3,724	1,10,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	1,53,395.86	1,03,758.97	2,57,154.83
9	Karnataka	2,75,446	5,903	2,81,349	14,667	1,406	16,073	20,813.51	28,155.75	48,969.26
10	Kerala	36,140	1,395	37,535	24,599	NA	24,599	33,018.12	NA	33,018.12
11	Madhya Pradesh	5,85,239	42,182	6,27,421	2,29,027	27,970	2,56,997	8,14,034.79	14,65,058.49	22,79,093.28
12	Maharashtra	3,62,679	12,037	3,74,716	1,65,032	7,084	1,72,116	3,92,928.73	27,36,660.68	31,29,589.41
13	Odisha	6,18,771	13,826	6,32,597	4,36,000	6,576	4,42,576	6,48,465.15	2,35,400.58	8,83,865.72
14	Rajasthan	74,414	1,441	75,855	38,007	103	38,110	57,730.26	2,993.64	60,723.90
15	Tamil Nadu	32,983	1,005	33,988	6,111	276	6,387	8,607.26	NA/NR	8,607.26
16	Telangana	1,83,252	3,427	1,86,679	93,639	721	94,360	3,00,284.00	4,54,055.00	7,54,339.00
17	Tripura	2,00,358	277	2,00,635	1,27,931	55	1,27,986	4,60,182.41	91.16	4,60,273.57
18	Uttar Pradesh	92,520	1,124	93,644	17,712	843	18,555	18,854.00	1,20,802.06	1,39,656.06
19	Uttarakhand	3,574	3,091	6,665	144	1	145	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	West Bengal	1,31,962	10,119	1,42,081	44,444	686	45,130	21,014.27	572.03	21,586.29
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40,92,183</b>	<b>1,48,952</b>	<b>42,41,135</b>	<b>19,00,923</b>	<b>76,174</b>	<b>19,77,097</b>	<b>41,51,842</b>	<b>88,05,110</b>	<b>1,29,56,952.17</b>

