

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2215
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.08.2021

LIVELIHOOD OF TRIBALS DURING COVID LOCKDOWN

2215. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking any measures to improve the livelihood of Tribals especially during COVID lockdown;
- (b) the details of Aboriginal Tribes in Tamil Nadu, the number of tribal people vaccinated in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Following measures have been taken to improve the livelihood of Tribals especially during COVID situations:

Ministry of Tribal Affairs provided funds to the State Governments based on their proposals for undertaking various livelihood activities including agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries and other non-farm based livelihood activities etc. under the schemes 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS)', 'Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)' and 'Grants under Article 275(1)' during 2020-21. An amount of Rs. 587.47 crore were approved / sanctioned to various State Governments for undertaking various livelihood activities as detailed at **Annexure 1**.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing the Scheme of 'Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) & Development of Value Chain for MFP' since 2013-14, with an objective of providing fair price to MFP gatherers, enhance their income level and ensure sustainable harvesting of MFPs. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED conducted a series of meetings through webinar with Chief Ministers, Hon'ble Member of Parliament of reserved constituencies, State Nodal Departments/State Implementing Agencies, advising the States about initiating procurement of MFPs and taking other livelihood measures.

The Ministry revised minimum support prices of MFP with a purpose of providing enhanced income to tribal gatherers. Further, additional 37 MFP items have also been included in the list of MSP for MFP Scheme to expand the ambit and coverage of the scheme vide notification dated 26.5.2020 and 11.11.2020. Thus, the Scheme currently covers a total 87 items.

On request of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 16/04/20 issued guidelines aiming to relax the provisions of lockdown for Collection, harvesting and processing of Minor Forest Produce(MFP)/ Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) by STs and other forest dwellers in forest areas across the country.

Under the scheme of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP), TRIFED also implements the initiative of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs), launched in 2018-19, wherein tribal community owned Minor Forest Produce centric multi-purpose Kendras are set up in predominantly tribal districts which act as common facility centres for procurement cum value addition to locally available MFPs. Under Van Dhan Yojana, starting from 27 Aug 2019 onwards, TRIFED has so far sanctioned 2,275 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras consisting of 34,125 Vandhan Self Help groups in 24 States and 2 UTs, in which 6.77 lakh Tribal women forest gatherers have been on boarded. A total of Rs. 336.95 crore has been sanctioned by TRIFED for the purpose.

The ongoing intervention under PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMJKAY) has been extended for a further period of five months till November, 2021, wherein, provision is there to provide an additional allocation of 5kg of food grains (wheat / rice), free of cost to around 80 crore National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries including tribal people.

Further, funds to the tune of Rs. 12355.43 crore have been provided as Scheduled Tribe Component (STC) by the other Central Ministries / Departments under livelihood related schemes during 2020-21 and 2021-22 as detailed at **Annexure 2**.

(b) & (c) The nomenclature of Aboriginal Tribes has not been adopted by Government of India in respect of any tribal group. However, there are six numbers of identified Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in Tamil Nadu with total population over 2.5 lakh as per Census 2011.

The COVID-19 vaccination drive does not make any discrimination on the basis of gender, socio-economic class or residence etc. Record of religion or caste wise beneficiary details are not centrally maintained. State wise vaccination status is available in public domain at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in>. As on 28.07.2021, vaccination status in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:

Beneficiaries Vaccinated		
1st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
1,80,46,306	39,38,716	2,19,85,022

Annexure 1

Annexure 1 referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2215 for 2.8.2021 regarding “Livelihood of Tribals during COVID Lockdown”

State-wise details of funds approved / sanctioned for Livelihood and Income Generating activities under SCA to TSS, Grants under Article 275(1) of Constitution of India and scheme for Development of PVTGs during 2020-21

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	States	SCA to TSS	Grants under Article 275(1)	Development of PVTGs	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	3081.99	0.00	158.01	3240.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3250.00	4555.00	0.00	7805.00
3	Assam	2020.00	3387.07	0.00	5407.07
4	Bihar	990.75	0.00	0.00	990.75
5	Chhattisgarh	1968.48	0.00	147.00	2115.48
6	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Gujarat	2614.90	1159.70	30.00	3804.60
8	Himachal Pradesh	653.75	185.00	0.00	838.75
9	J & K	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Jharkhand	890.00	0.00	1679.00	2569.00
11	Karnataka	0.00	1255.68	0.00	1255.68
12	Kerala	300.00	0.00	88.00	388.00
13	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	4279.00	538.10	4817.10
14	Maharashtra	0.00	2425.82	523.00	2948.82
15	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	Meghalaya	328.25	0.00	0.00	328.25
17	Mizoram	636.22	486.42	0.00	1122.64
18	Nagaland	917.00	0.00	0.00	917.00
19	Odisha	9010.42	0.00	240.00	9250.42
20	Rajasthan	4154.00	800.00	0.00	4954.00
21	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	Tamilnadu	155.00	0.00	182.50	337.50
23	Telangana	1546.00	0.00	150.00	1696.00
24	Tripura	368.00	0.00	0.00	368.00
25	Uttarakhand	216.32	99.25	0.00	315.57
26	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27	West Bengal	1732.78	1500.00	45.50	3278.28
	Total	34833.86	20132.94	3781.11	58747.91

Annexure 2

Annexure 2 referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2215 for 2.8.2021 regarding “Livelihood of Tribals during COVID Lockdown”

(Rs. in crores)

SN.	Ministry/Department	Schemes focus on Livelihoods	FY-2020-21			FY-2021-22	
			BE	RE	Exp.	BE	Exp. (as on 10 July 2021)
1	Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmer's welfare	Agriculture Marketing: Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Marketing	21.00	21.00	3.86	21.00	--
		Crop Insurance Scheme: Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana	1372.56	1301.01	1241.70	1381.26	1248.82
		Distribution of Pulses to State / Union Territories for Welfare Schemes	68.80	41.60	--	25.80	--
		Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Cooperation	34.40	29.40	34.35	34.44	--
		Interest Subsidy for Short Term Credit to Farmers	1557.55	1596.31	1377.88	1547.26	--
		Market Intervention Scheme and Price Support Scheme (MIS-PSS)	172.00	82.00	--	129.00	--
		National Bamboo Mission	37.00	32.00	21.96	32.00	0.96
		National Food Security Mission	218.92	192.50	189.42	186.20	22.79
		National Mission on Horticulture	244.20	177.92	185.78	281.28	10.19
		2	Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying	Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund	12.92	--	--
Dairy Entrepreneurship Development	0.01			--	--	--	--
Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund	5.16			0.86	0.86	--	--
Livestock Health and Disease Control	36.05			21.81	21.81	145.76	4.52

		National Animal Disease Control Programme for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis	106.65	106.65	106.65	--	--
		National Dairy Plan (EAP)	--	--	--	--	--
		National Livestock Mission	48.70	46.25	71.23	29.00	--
		National Programme for Dairy Development	25.80	24.59	24.59	21.91	15.71
		Rashtriya Gokul Mission	27.00	32.00	32.00	54.00	
		Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in Dairy Activities (erstwhile Support to State Co-operative Dairy Federations)	8.60	8.60	8.60	--	--
3	Department Commerce	Coffee Board	12.09	6.40	6.40	12.09	3.02
		Rubber Board	4.30	2.00	2.00	4.30	1.07
		Spices Board	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.85
		Tea Board	3.12	1.56	1.56	3.12	0.39
4	Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability	Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme	11.18	8.89	8.62	10.75	0.66
		Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances	19.78	17.18	17.14	18.92	0.47
5	Department of Fisheries	Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund	0.60	0.60	0.60	1.50	--
		Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries	45.40	--	21.91	--	--
		Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)	--	62.39	40.37	90.00	9.15
6	Department of Food and Public Distribution	Strengthening of PDS Operations	--	5421.31	--	0.35	--

7	Department of Health & Family Welfare	Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)	689.55	252.21	252.21	252.21	99.60
8	Department of Land Resources	Integrated Watershed Development Program (Programme Component)	200.01	100.01	110.95	200.01	--
9	Department of Rural Development	National Rural Livelihood Mission (Programme Component)	1613.00	1613.02	1583.52	2393.84	356.16
		Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY)-Rural (Programme Component)	3413.00	4210.00	3413.52	3412.50	412.22
10	Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	Har Khet Ko Pani	205.00	150.00	165.85	165.00	--
11	Ministry of AYUSH	National AYUSH Mission (NAM)- Cultivation of Medicinal Plants	29.00	23.00	23.00	25.00	--
12	Ministry of DoNER	North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)	250.00	150.61	182.60	300.00	78.01
13	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology	Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)	25.19	10.00	10.00	20.00	--
		Promotion of IT/ITES Industries	10.00	--	--	10.00	--
14	Ministry Of Food Processing industries	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana	46.50	32.25	6.43	30.10	11.67
15	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) (States/UTs Component)	34.03	34.03	34.91	33.46	12.68
		PMAY-Urban (Other items of States/UTs Component)	130.00	335.40	125.57	141.04	2.60
16	Ministry Of Labour and Employment	Bima Yojana for Unorganised Workers	17.45	--	--	--	--
		Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana	--	216.44	--	--	--

17	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	ASPIRE (Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry and Entrepreneurship)	4.30	1.85	--	--	--
		Coir Vikas Yojana	1.23	0.30	1.23	0.30	0.21
		Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Upgradation Scheme	2.80	2.80	0.18	2.80	--
		Gramodyog Vikas Yojana	16.92	2.78	--	4.50	--
		Interest Subvention Scheme for Incremental Credit to MSMEs	65.00	115.00	100.00	52.00	--
18	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy	Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM)	50.00	20.00	12.18	72.50	--
		Biogas Programme	10.00	8.50	3.99	15.00	--
19	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	Rashtriya Gram Sadak Abhiyan (RGS)	74.62	42.02	56.48	78.86	17.60
20	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	LPG Connection to Poor Households	48.07	416.67	48.07	--	--
21	Ministry of Power	Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana	387.00	227.00	227.00	309.60	--
22	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Programme for Apprenticeship Training	15.50	15.50	9.47	9.29	9.29
		Development of Entrepreneurship	3.02	0.93	1.01	3.87	--
		Development of Skills	121.73	130.44	129.87	122.50	4.39
		Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion	39.50	14.32	12.88	20.97	0.45
		Strengthening of Infrastructure for Institutional Training	7.40	7.39	6.86	8.26	0.37
23	Ministry of Textiles	Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana	1.00	0.50	0.79	1.00	0.62
		Handicrafts Artisans comprehensive welfare scheme	1.00	1.00	0.09	1.50	--
		Handloom Weaver Comprehensive W	1.00	--	--	--	--

		elfare Scheme (HWCWS)					
		Integrated Scheme for Skill Development	12.00	6.00	8.59	12.00	--
		Integrated Wool Development Programme	8.00	5.25	5.25	2.00	1.75
		Marketing Support and Services	1.00	1.00	--	1.00	--
		National Handloom Development Programme	42.00	22.00	23.48	42.10	1.44
24	Ministry of Tourism	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits around specific themes (Swadesh Darshan)	102.00	49.00	49.00	82.00	--
Total			11775.11	12034.24	10027.77*	11873.27*	2327.66

Note: -* Provisional figures

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