

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO† 2087**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021

**NUMBER OF TRIBALS IN THE COUNTRY**

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the tribal population (in crores) in the entire country at present, State-wise and UT-wise;
- (b) the number of schemes introduced by the Government for tribals during the last 7 years in addition to the schemes implemented earlier;
- (c) the details of beneficiaries of the schemes, State/ UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has digitized any tribal language; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): State/Union Territory wise population of Scheduled Tribes in India as per census, 2011 is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c): Details of the schemes introduced by Ministry of Tribal Affairs during the last seven years are as given below:

Government of India launched “Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY)” during 2014-15 for holistic development of tribal people across the country. Since 2016-17, separate allocation of funds under VKY has been discontinued as the fund requirement under the VKY strategy was envisaged to be met out of the funds available under the various schemes of Central Government and State Government. The beneficiary details of VKY is not centrally maintained. VKY was launched in addition to earlier scheme of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS).

During the year 2013-14, Scheme titled “Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP” was introduced by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to provide much needed safety net and support to people belonging to Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers whose livelihood depends on collection and selling of MFP. Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram (VDVK) is primarily the training and development of value chain component

under the scheme. Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram is an initiative targeting livelihood generation for tribal population by harnessing the wealth of forest i.e. Van Dhan.

Introduced in the year 1997-98, Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) was a component under 'Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution'. As per Budget announcement 2018-19, EMRS programme was revamped during the year 2018 and it was made a separate Central Sector Scheme.

Further, as informed by Government of Andhra Pradesh the details of schemes introduced during the last seven years are given at **Annexure – II**.

State/UT wise details of beneficiaries of the schemes/programmes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs are given at **Annexure-III**.

(d) & (e) : Ministry of Tribal Affairs provide the funds to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) under the Scheme "Support to TRIs" for various activities including construction of museum, library, research works, seminar/workshop, publication of books, development of documentaries, organisation of tribal festivals including language primers.

Further, under the component "Financial Assistance for support to Centres of Excellence" of the scheme "Tribal Festival, Research, information and Mass Education", financial assistance is provided to reputed Institutions for carrying out research study programmes including documentation of tribal languages. In this regard, Ministry has sanctioned projects to Bhasha Research and Publication Centre during 2018-19 and 2019-20 which inter-alia covered activity of identification and documentation of threatened/dying languages. The organization has carried out documentation of Korku, Nihali, Kolami, Vadi, Halpati, Dungra Bhili, Dhavadi, Dhatti, Thali, Nahal and Seheriya languages.

Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that "Tribal Cultural Research and Training Mission (AP TRI)" with the financial support of Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), Government of India, New Delhi has developed Primers in 6 Tribal Languages such as Savara, Koda, Kuvi, Adivasi Oriya, Koya and Sugali for classes first and second initially at primary level in the academic year 2020-21 and for Classes third and fourth will be done in 2021-2022 as per the Government new curriculum and syllabus. These Primers are digitalized and will be placed in public domain by end of March, 2021.

Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed that 'Kinnauri (pahari)' of Scheduled district of Kinnaur has been digitized and project on "Documentation of 'Kinnauri (pahari)' dialect and development of Artificial Intelligence based translation system to translate text from English to 'Kinnauri (pahari)' " is under process.

## Annexure-I

referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2087 for  
08.03.2021 regarding 'Number of Tribals in the Country'  
State / UT wise Scheduled Tribe population

S. No	India / State /UT	ST Population (in crore)
	India	10.4546
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.2631
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.0952
3	Assam	0.3884
4	Bihar	0.1337
5	Chhattisgarh	0.7823
6	Goa	0.0149
7	Gujarat	0.8917
8	Haryana	NST
9	Himachal Pradesh	0.0392
10	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	0.1275
11	Jharkhand	0.8645
12	Karnataka	0.4249
13	Kerala	0.0485
14	Ladakh (UT)	0.0218
15	Madhya Pradesh	1.5317
16	Maharashtra	1.0510
17	Manipur	0.1167
18	Meghalaya	0.2556
19	Mizoram	0.1036
20	Nagaland	0.1711
21	Odisha	0.9591
22	Punjab	NST
23	Rajasthan	0.9239
24	Sikkim	0.0206
25	Tamil Nadu	0.0795
26	Telangana	0.3287
27	Tripura	0.1167
28	Uttarakhand	0.0292
29	Uttar Pradesh	0.1134
30	West Bengal	0.5297
31	A & N Islands	0.0029
32	Chandigarh	NST
33	Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.0194
34	Delhi	NST
35	Lakshadweep	0.0061
36	Puducherry	NST

NST: No notified Scheduled Tribe (as in census 2011)

**Annexure-II**

**referred to in reply to part (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2087 for 08.03.2021 regarding 'Number of Tribals in the Country'  
List of schemes for Scheduled Tribes (STs) with year of introduction along with status and progress of current financial year by Government of Andhra Pradesh**

S.No	Name of the Scheme	Year of Starting	Current year Progress	
			Unit	No.
1	Reimbursement of Electricity Charges	2015-16	No	4,78,206
2	Rejuvenation of Coffee Plantation	2015-16	No.	19,430
3	YSR Vidyonnathi	2015-16	Scheme closed from 2020-21	
4	Giriputrika Kalyana Pathakam	2015-16	Registrations are stopped during 2020-21	
5	Food Basket Scheme	2018-19	Scheme closed from 2020-21	
6	Land Purchase	2018-19	Scheme is not active	
7	YSR Pension Kanuka	2019-20	No.	3,58,185
8	Pensions to Old age Persons and widows	2019-20	No.	3,21,089
9	Pension to single women	2019-20	No.	7575
10	Pension to AIDs patients	2019-20	No.	
11	Pensions to CKDU Dialysis Patients	2019-20	No	371
12	Pensions to Disabled Persons	2019-20	No.	24,836
13	Pensions to Fisher man	2019-20	No.	1,441
14	Pensions to toddy tappers	2019-20	No.	115
15	YSR Aasara-Loans to Women Cooperative Societies	2019-20	No.	29,843
16	YSR Cheyuta	2019-20	No.	1,28,164
17	YSR Vahana Mitra	2019-20	No.	10,027
18	YSR Jagananna Chedodu	2019-20	No.	3,464
19	YSR Nethanna Nestham	2019-20	No.	235
20	YSR Matsyakara Bharosa	2019-20	No.	292
21	Financial Assistance to Hawkers	2019-20	No.	5,000
22	Amma Vodi	2019-20	No.	2,75,122
23	Fee Reimbursement Jagananna Vidya Deevena(RTF)	2019-20	No.	76,595
24	Jagananna vasathi deevena(MTF)	2019-20	No.	54,287
25	Law Nestham	2019-20	No.	315
26	YSR Rythu Bharosa	2019-20	No.	1,47,302

**Annexure-III**

referred to in reply to part (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2087 for 08.03.2021 regarding 'Number of Tribals in the Country'

State-wise list of Students Enrolled under the scheme 'Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)' during the last two years

SI. No	State/ UT	Students Enrolled in EMRSs during the year	
		2018-19	2019-20
1	Andhra Pradesh	2800	3424
2	Arunachal Pradesh	240	208
3	Assam	-	480
4	Chhattisgarh	6780	7961
5	Gujarat	10172	10156
6	Himachal Pradesh	210	312
7	Jharkhand	2829	3558
8	Karnataka	2879	3053
9	Kerala	600	535
10	Madhya Pradesh	10270	12946
11	Maharashtra	4103	5067
12	Manipur	1170	1440
13	Mizoram	400	396
14	Nagaland	583	619
15	Odisha	5340	5821
16	Rajasthan	5350	4947
17	Sikkim	915	979
18	Tamil Nadu	1553	2186
19	Telangana	4160	3960
20	Tripura	1680	1740
21	Uttar Pradesh	630	473
22	Uttarakhand	279	393
23	West Bengal	2662	2737

**State wise no. of beneficiaries covered under the scheme 'Grant-in-aid to voluntary organizations working for welfare of STs'**

S. No.	State/UT	2018-19	2019-20
		No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	19966	26906
2	Arunachal Pradesh	93022	209365
3	Assam	97368	53258
4	Chhattisgarh	11571	4562
5	Gujarat	178687	160130
6	Himachal Pradesh	2462	2117
7	Jharkhand	684382	503826
8	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	100	366
9	Karnataka	179259	98994
10	Kerala	62259	-
11	Madhya Pradesh	2586	1344
12	Maharashtra	2550	12441
13	Manipur	4191	5969
14	Meghalaya	182650	183368
15	Mizoram	8402	5502
16	Nagaland	143	-
17	Orissa	165698	113876
18	Rajasthan	1104	779
19	Sikkim	617	412
20	Tamilnadu	482619	194619
21	Telangana	400	91
22	Tripura	400	400
23	Uttarakhand	1005	1071
24	Uttar Pradesh	-	95
25	West Bengal	197249	141774
26	Delhi	50	-

**State wise no. of beneficiaries covered in scheme 'Strengthening education among scheduled tribe girls in low literacy districts'.**

S. NO.	Name of the State	2018-19	2019-20
1	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
2	Chhattisgarh	384	576
3	Gujarat	399	300
4	Jharkhand	150	200
5	Madhya Pradesh	3075	3237
6	Maharashtra	907	1265
7	Orissa	4810	3677
8	Rajasthan	634	770
9	Telangana	-	-

**State-wise no. of beneficiaries under the scheme 'Pre-Matric scholarship for ST students'**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Beneficiaries 2018-19</b>	<b>Beneficiaries 2019-20</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar	222	249
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	28124
3	Assam	12933	2869
4	Bihar	46096	46096
5	Chhattisgarh	194413	143986
6	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	4399	5044
7	Daman & Diu	332	262
8	Goa	3582	3332
9	Gujarat	0	0
10	Himachal Pradesh	3494	2709
11	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	25920	0
12	Jharkhand	119877	106761
13	Karnataka	62126	87364
14	Kerala	12121	7858
15	Ladakh	0	0
16	Madhya Pradesh	359092	318870
17	Manipur	21006	24760
18	Mizoram	14880	16890
19	Nagaland	0	2000
20	Odisha	204916	219875
21	Rajasthan	136915	184163
22	Sikkim	247	415
23	Tamil Nadu	12800	13423
24	Telangana	354	5570
25	Tripura	12353	10980
26	Uttrakhand	2572	2829
27	West Bengal	33870	36962

**State-wise no. of beneficiaries under the scheme 'Post-Matric scholarship for ST students'**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Beneficiaries 2018-19</b>	<b>Beneficiaries 2019-20</b>
1	Andaman and Nicobar	544	447
2	Andhra Pradesh	71687	158195
3	Arunachal Pradesh	18863	20500
4	Assam	26867	25163
5	Bihar	9950	13938
6	Chhattisgarh	143320	144453
7	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	2327
8	Daman & Diu	196	351

9	Goa	4442	5870
10	Gujarat	214605	202667
11	Himachal Pradesh	10747	3774
12	Jammu & Kashmir(UT)	16905	0
13	Jharkhand	73385	79823
14	Karnataka	101059	118083
15	Kerala	16111	16583
16	Ladakh (UT)	0	0
17	Madhya Pradesh	272714	244126
18	Maharashtra	147262	139550
19	Manipur	59661	57773
20	Meghalaya	35305	0
21	Mizoram	51983	44311
22	Nagaland	28949	40164
23	Odisha	185888	171532
24	Puducherry	-	-
25	Rajasthan	135523	286652
26	Sikkim	2962	5159
27	Tamil Nadu	21605	0
28	Telangana	153845	130007
29	Tripura	23020	23720
30	Uttar Pradesh	2779	0
31	West Bengal	90395	62234

**State-wise no. of beneficiaries under the scheme 'Support to National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporations (NSTFDC)'**

S. No.	State/UT	2018-19	2019-20 (upto 31.12.2019)
1	Andhra Pradesh	139	13
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3773	-
3	Assam	12	-
4	Chhattisgarh	363	3262
5	Gujarat	7485	98
6	Haryana	1	-
7	Himachal Pradesh	65	69
8	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	327	-
9	Jharkhand	5	3767
10	Kerala	107	27
11	Karnataka	34	1911
12	Madhya Pradesh	2265	9956
13	Maharashtra	11	-
14	Meghalaya	2329	276
15	Mizoram	1464	2691
16	Nagaland	10504	48240
17	Odisha	353	1290



18	Rajasthan	1364	111
19	Sikkim	1	-
20	Tamil Nadu	65	2775
21	Telangana	30417	6775
22	Tripura	429	24
23	Uttar Pradesh	3	-
24	Uttarakhand	170	12
25	West Bengal	9078	3072

**State-wise no. of beneficiaries under the scheme 'Institutional Support for Marketing & Development of Tribal products (TRIFED)' till date**

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of VDVks	Number of beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	263	78818
2	Assam	128	38530
3	Bihar*	8	1630
4	Chhattisgarh	139	41700
5	Goa	10	3000
6	Gujarat	116	34424
7	Ladakh (UT)	10	3000
8	Jharkhand	39	11601
9	Karnataka	19	5700
10	Kerala	13	3900
11	Madhya Pradesh	86	25800
12	Maharashtra	264	79350
13	Manipur	100	30194
14	Mizoram	159	46168
15	Nagaland	92	27600
16	Odisha	156	45578
17	Rajasthan	27	8190
18	Sikkim	80	23800
19	Tamil Nadu	7	2100
20	Telangana	17	5100
21	Tripura	27	7429
22	Uttar Pradesh	5	1238
23	Uttarakhand	5	1505

\*Any sanctioned/consent letter regarding implementation of VDVk in Bihar has not been placed by the Nodal agency (SC/ST Welfare Department) to the State Implementing Agency (Ajeevika). Fund not released.