

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2875
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 07/08/2023

MULTIDimensionALLY POOR IN INDIA

2875. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the five out of six multidimensionality poor people in india are from lower castes tribes;
- (b) whether 65 million people of scheduled tribe group accounts for 9.4 per cent of the population and is the poorest in the country;
- (c) if so, State-wise detail of the population report therein; and
- (d) the steps/initiatives taken by the Government for substantial development of scheduled tribes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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(a) to (c): Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2021, jointly published by the Human Development Report Office (HDRO) of the United Nations Development Programme and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) states that “In India the Scheduled Tribe group accounts for 9.4 percent of the population and is the poorest: more than half—65 million of 129 million people—live in multidimensional poverty”. However, the latest Global MPI 2023 which has not given caste-wise poverty concludes that 415 million poor people moved out of poverty from 2005-2006 to 2019-2021 and poorest groups, including children and people in disadvantaged caste groups, had the fastest absolute progress. India has halved its MPI from 2005-2006 to 2019-2021.

NITI Aayog has published ‘National Multidimensional Poverty Index’ in July 2023 which concludes that India’s population who are multidimensionally poor has declined from 24.85% in 2015-16 to 14.96% in 2019-20 and 13.5 crore people moved out of multidimensional poverty during the same period. Though, the report does not explicitly mention about STs, district-wise data reveals that most of the tribal priority districts have shown an improvement in multidimensional poverty.

(d): Government is implementing Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) now known as Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) as a strategy for the development of Scheduled Tribes and areas having tribal concentration. 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. The schemes include Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), National Social

Assistance Programme (NSAP) of Ministry of Rural Development, Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs, PM-KISAN, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, Crop Insurance Scheme, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, National Livestock Mission and Dairy Development of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana of Department of Fisheries, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana and Prime Ministry Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Atma Nirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana of Ministry of Labour & Employment, Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme of Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, National Handicraft Development Programme of Ministry of Textiles, Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) etc.

Further, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing various schemes/programmes exclusively for socio-economic development and welfare of the Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the country. Names of the schemes/programmes are as given below:

1. Pre -Matric Scholarship
2. Post Matric Scholarship
3. Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)
4. Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan / Pradhan Mantri Aadi Adrash Gram Yojna (PMAAGY)
5. Grants under proviso of article 275 (1) of the Constitution
6. Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)
7. National Fellowship & Scholarship for higher education of ST children
8. Scholarship to the students for studies abroad
9. Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)
10. Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of STs
