

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.539
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2006

TRANSFER OF TRIBAL LAND

539. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry and different State Governments are facilitating transfer of tribal land to various companies in the name of development and industrialization;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that although there was a very specific provision in the Constitution for protection of tribal land, it is being violated by the authorities in connivance with industrial houses;
- (d) if so, the comments of Government in this regard; and
- (e) the steps Government are taking for the development of tribal men and women, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is meant to protect the rights of tribals. It does not act against their interests by facilitating transfer of tribal land to non-tribals.

(b) to (d): Information relating to different State Governments is being collected.

(e): Besides the sectoral programmes and schemes of the Government of India which are expected to take care of the tribals along with other groups and the general population, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has the following major schemes relating to the Central Sector, Centrally Sponsored and Special Area Programme for the development of tribals:

Central Sector Scheme

1. Grant in Aid to NGOs for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching and Allied and award for exemplary service
2. Vocational Training in Tribal Areas