

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4628
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.4.2017

CONSTITUTION OF TRIBAL ADVISORY COUNCILS BY STATES

4628. SHRI V.VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

- (a) details of States that have Scheduled Areas in the country;
- (b) details of States that have constituted Tribal Advisory Council as mandated under Para 4(1) of Fifth Schedule to the Constitution;
- (c) details of States that have not constituted TACs and reasons for non-constitution of TACs by such States, State-wise;
- (d) what efforts Ministry is making to pressurise States to constitute TAC;
- (e) whether even after three years in office, Government of Andhra Pradesh has not constituted TAC; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and what efforts the Ministry has made to constitute TAC in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a): States that have Scheduled Areas are Andhra Pradesh (including Telangana), Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan.

(b) & (c) : Para 4 of Fifth Schedule to Constitution of India stipulates that Tribes Advisory Council (TAC) be established by concerned State Governments having Scheduled Areas and if President so directs, also in any State having Scheduled Tribes (STs) but not Scheduled Areas to advice on such matters pertaining to welfare and advancement of STs in such State as may be referred to them by the Governor. Tribes Advisory Council (TAC) has been constituted in all States having Scheduled Areas namely, Andhra Pradesh (including Telangana), Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan. Though Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and West Bengal do not have any Scheduled Areas, TACs have also been set up in these States. Accordingly, there is no State (which is mandated to establish TAC), which has not constituted TAC.

(d) to (f) : Question doesnot arise in view of reply to parts (b) & (c) above.State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the proposal for reconstitution of APTAC with the new body is under examination of that Government.