

ESTABLISHMENT OF TRIBAL MULTIPURPOSE MARKETING CENTERS

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Replying to an un-starred question of Shri Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, the Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Shri Durgadas Uikey informed Lok Sabha today that Tribal Multipurpose Marketing-Centers (TMMCs) has been envisaged to act as a facility centre for aggregation, value addition and marketing of tribal produce/products for overall socioeconomic development of tribal communities and enhancing their income in following ways:

- (i). Minimize post-harvest and post-production losses. (ii). Foster the use of locally sourced produce / products through aggregation/ value addition of tribal produce / products.
- (iii). Provide tribal producers with opportunities and support for collective marketing and other services such as market information and establishing contacts between farmers and potential
- (iv). Ensuring better price realization of tribal produce / products by establishing market linkages at various levels and opportunities of aggregation with tie ups.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs has considered the proposals received from the State Governments time to time including the Telangana State to ensure that these centers remain operational and effective in the long term to enhance market access for tribal entrepreneurs and products.

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