

Need for implementation of Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) in Palnadu District of Andhra Pradesh- Laid

SHRI LAVU SRIKRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to an important issue concerning the implementation of the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) scheme in Palnadu District of Andhra Pradesh, which has nearly 18,000 Scheduled tribes. As directed by the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in March 2025, tribal habitations having a Scheduled Tribe population of 500 or more and constituting at least fifty per cent of the total population be considered for coverage under this scheme. Pursuant to this direction, the Tribal Welfare Department of Andhra Pradesh conducted a district-level assessment and identified 22 tribal habitations in Palnadu District that fully satisfy the prescribed eligibility criteria but are presently excluded from DA-JGUA. These habitations are home to tribal communities, and their continued exclusion adversely affects access to basic infrastructure, essential services, and livelihood support envisaged under the scheme. I respectfully urge the Hon'ble Minister to approve the inclusion of these eligible habitations at the earliest, so that the objective of equitable, inclusive, and evidence-based tribal development is effectively realised. This timely intervention will ensure fairness and better outcomes for tribal citizens.