

IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGES ON CHANGPA TRIBAL COMMUNITY IN LADAKH

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Replying to a question in Lok Sabha today the Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Shri Durgadas Uikey informed that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not undertaken any study to assess the impact of climate change, shrinking grazing pastures, changing snowfall patterns and declining livestock productivity on the livelihood and traditional nomadic lifestyle of the Changpa tribal community in Ladakh.

Changpa families, being members of a Scheduled Tribe, are eligible beneficiaries under the welfare and livelihood schemes implemented by this Ministry and other line Ministries/Departments during the last five years, including:

- (i) Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN);
- (ii) Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA);
- (iii) Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS);
- (iv) Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and National Overseas Scholarships for Scheduled Tribe students;
- (v) Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM);

Yes. Under the umbrella of DAJGUA, targeted interventions have been taken up for remote tribal habitations including Mobile Medical Units; mobile network delivery; residential hostel facilities; pucca housing under PM-AWAS (Gramin) etc. Additionally, livelihood and income-enhancement support for Pashmina wool production, marketing linkages and value addition is being undertaken through TRIFED.

Under PMJVM scheme, TRIFED has released an amount of ₹15 lakhs for establishment of the VDVK, Durbuk. The details of funds sanctioned and released for EMRSs to the UT of Ladakh in last 5 years is as follows:

Financial Year	Rs. in lakhs
2021-22	10.00
2022-23	450.00
2023-24	800.00
2024-25	17.41

To strengthen long-term socio-economic resilience and preserve the traditional culture and livelihood of the Changpa community, the following measures, among others, are being taken:

- Saturation of basic infrastructure and services in Changthang habitations under PM-JANMAN/DAJGUA;
- During the last five years, TRIFED has procured Pashmina products (Shawls and Stoles) worth ₹18,847,291 from Ladakh-based artisans. Since the raw Pashmina used in these products is sourced from the Changpa community, these procurements have indirectly contributed to the livelihood and economic well-being of the Changpa pastoralists.
- Further, an empanelment camp is proposed to be organised in the Changthang region in August'2026 with the objective of identifying and empanelling eligible artisans from the Changpa Tribal Community. This initiative is expected to facilitate their direct participation in marketing and procurement programmes, thereby strengthening their livelihood opportunities.
- Documentation and promotion of Changpa culture, language and traditional knowledge through tribal research institute.

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