

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**

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**Invitation of Suggestions/Inputs from Public/Public Health professionals on ways to improve health of Tribal populations in India.**

It is generally observed that the Health indicators are poor among tribal population. Against this backdrop it was felt that there is a pressing need to review the strategies/approach in health programs and policies in the tribal areas so as to bring positive change in health care for tribal population. Therefore Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in Consultation with Ministry of Tribal Affairs constituted an expert Committee on Tribal Health vide order Z-28020/124/2013-CH, chaired by Dr. Abhay Bang, to provide recommendations to better address health care challenges of ST population particularly those residing in Tribal Districts/ Tribal development Blocks as per the following terms of Reference.


The terms of Reference of the Expert Committee are as follows:

- i. To develop a national framework and road map to improve the appropriateness, access, contents, quality and utilization of health services among tribal population;
- ii. To prepare strategic guidelines for States to draw up programme Implementation Plans including model District Health Action plans for tribal health based on tribal health issues and disease burden;
- iii. To review the available health data/indicators including morbidity and mortality data for the tribal districts/blocks notified by Ministry of Tribal Affairs and to suggest mechanism for creating and maintaining a regular database specific to tribal health and tribal health interventions;
- iv. To review the information on health infrastructure and availability of human resources and make recommendations on interventions to be made to

create/strengthen the existing infrastructure and improve availability of human resources for health in tribal districts/block;

- v. To review the special schemes/programmes and interventions undertaken by MoHFW, identify the gaps & deficiencies in their implementation and to suggest strategic interventions for improved implementation.
- vi. To examine and suggest interventions to address the specific needs of the tribal population specially the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PTGs);
- vii. To make recommendations on the requirements of additional resources (Infrastructure, financial and Human) in the tribal districts/blocks;
- viii. To suggest specific interventions necessary in collaboration with other Ministries to improve the social determinants of health in tribal areas;
- ix. To suggest the ways and means for improved supervision and monitoring systems for implementation of health programmes in tribal districts/areas;
- x. Any other matter the committee may deem fit to accelerate efforts for improving tribal health.

All members of the public are kindly requested to furnish your valuable Suggestions/Inputs on improving health of tribal population latest by 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to the undersigned by post or e-mail at [limatulayaden@yahoo.co.in](mailto:limatulayaden@yahoo.co.in), [lyaden@nic.in](mailto:lyaden@nic.in) and [rklakhani7@gmail.com](mailto:rklakhani7@gmail.com)

  
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