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Those converting to Christianity cannot claim benefits, says MP

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Pratap Simha, MP for Mysuru, on Wednesday instructed officials to deny the benefits meant for tribals to those Adivasis who convert to Christianity.

He was participating in the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee meeting. Mr. Simha apprised himself of the facilities being extended to Adivasis living in the hamlets and wished to know from the officials the development works taken up there.

In the context of nutrition, Mr. Simha questioned whether the tribals were receiving benefits as mandated by the government. When the officials replied in the affirmative , Mr. Simha remained sceptical.

He asked why there was so much of conversion in the hamlets if all the benefits were indeed being extended to them. "They are being converted to Christianity. If they convert, you are not supposed to claim any facility and this was discussed even in Parliament," the MP said.