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Q6**Does India's tribal development policy reflect the aspirations for a socially grounded and equity-based governance? Justify your answer.**

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Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA)

Recognizes individual and community forest rights to address historical injustices against forest-dwelling communities.

Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA)

Extends Part IX of the Constitution to **Fifth Schedule** areas with a focus on self-governance and gram sabha empowerment.

Fifth Schedule of the Constitution

Provides special governance mechanisms and Tribes Advisory Councils in states with Scheduled Areas outside the North-East.

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