

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*44
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018

Funds for functioning of Eklavya Model Residential Schools

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the increased fund allocation sought by the Ministry from the Ministry of Finance to improve the functioning of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) was granted;
- (b) if so, to what extent; and
- (c) the details of identified parameters on which funds would be spent for improving the functioning of EMR Schools?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

- (a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *44 FOR 13.12.2018 REGARDING 'FUNDS FOR FUNCTIONING OF EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS' ASKED BY PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

(a) to (c) In the context of the trend of establishing quality residential schools for the promotion of education in all areas and habitations in the country, the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) for ST students take their place among the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and the Kendriya Vidyalayas. Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) are set up in States/UTs with grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India. The Government in budget 2018-19, has announced that in order to provide best quality education to the tribal children in their own environment by the year 2022, every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons, will have an Eklavya Model Residential School. Eklavya schools will be on par with Navodaya Vidyalayas and will have special facilities for preserving local art and culture besides providing training in sports and skill development. Accordingly the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sought fund allocation for establishment and running of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs). Expenditure Finance Committee headed by Secretary, Department of Expenditure has recommended enhanced funding for recurring and non-recurring expenditure. The funds would be spent on infrastructure, day-to-day running, boarding / lodging and maintenance etc of the schools. The funds would also be utilised for upgrading sports infrastructure as well.