

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2536**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 22/03/2023

**OBJECTIVES OF EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS**

2536 DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of main objectives of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS);
- (b) the details of facilities provided in EMRS schools and what is the admission process for students in EMRS;
- (c) the details of the Central Government's expansion plan for EMRS;
- (d) the number of EMRS functional across the country as on date, State-wise;
- (e) the amount of expenditure borne by Government for students and school construction;
- (f) the amount sanctioned for setting up of EMRS in the budget for FY 2023-24; and
- (g) the details of achievements of EMRS?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

**(a) to (g):** The main objective of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) scheme is to provide quality upper primary, secondary, and senior secondary level education to Scheduled Tribes (ST) students in remote areas to enable them to access the best opportunities in education and to bring them at par with the general population.

In addition to 288 schools sanctioned under Article 275(1), 452 schools are being established in the blocks with more than 50% ST population and atleast 20,000 tribal persons( as per 2011 census)under the Central Sector Scheme formulated in 2019. Cumulatively, Ministry has set the target to establish **740 EMRSs** across the country by the year 2025-26. The number of EMRSs functional across the country as on date, State-wise is attached at **Annexure**.

An amount of Rs. 1.09 lakhs per student per year is released to meet the recurring expenditure on the students including food, uniform, books etc. and construction cost of Rs.37.80 crore per school in plain areas and Rs.48 crores per school in North East, hilly areas and areas affected by Left Wing Extremism are released. In the Union Budget 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 5943.51 crore has been proposed for the scheme of EMRS.

The provisions of the Right to Education Act, 2009 and other norms as prescribed by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti are being complied with in EMRS. It is aimed to provide, as far as possible, facilities at par with the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. The major facilities provided though not limited to, in new scheme EMRSs are mentioned below:

- i. Modern infrastructure (School, Labs, Hostel, Sports Facility, Staff Residences etc.)
- ii. Provision of adequate purified drinking water and sanitation facilities.
- iii. Study materials, uniforms (including customized climatic clothing for hilly areas)
- iv. Facilities for preparatory classes for competitive entrance examinations.
- v. Remedial classes for weak students.
- vi. Design of curriculum to impart suitable skills in collaboration with M/o Skill Development.
- vii. Medical facilities including telemedicine and tie up with prominent hospitals in the vicinity.
- viii. Special Nutritional requirement and provisions for menstrual hygiene (sanitary pads, incinerator, etc.) of girl students.
- ix. Scouts, Guides, NCC, School bands and related activities.
- x. Extra-curricular activities like dance, music, painting, trekking, excursions/ exposure visits, study tours etc.
- xi. Participation in school level competitions in various spheres including academics, sports and co-curricular.
- xii. Use of technology enabled learning tools.

Admission to class VI is on the basis of an entrance test. There are provisions of reservation of 80% for ST children, 5% for PVTG, 5% for DNT/ NT/ SNT communities and 10% to children who have lost their parents to LWE/ insurgencies/ Covid and children of widows, Divyang parents, land donor, orphan child etc.

Various achievements of EMRSs are mentioned below:

- i. A total number of 690 EMRSs have been sanctioned out of which 401 are functional.
- ii. A total number of 1,13,275 students have enrolled during the Academic Year 2022-23.
- iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> EMRS Sports Meet conducted at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh in December, 2022.
- iv. Conducted 3<sup>rd</sup> EMRS Cultural Fest at Bengaluru, Karnataka in November, 2022.
- v. Promoting and enabling EMRS students for e-learning through ELMS.
- vi. Conduct of Nutritional and Mental Health Workshop for Odisha Teachers.
- vii. Upgrading 175 EMRSs for smart classes including internet connectivity. So far 48 EMRS have been provided technological infrastructure and manpower training.
- viii. Initiated the project for preparing students for engineering and medical competitive exams.
- ix. 15 Principals from Gujarat, Maharashtra & Telangana have been invited for Exposure Visit at HEI in collaboration with CBSE.
- x. The students of EMRSs across the States have successfully got into Institutes of repute including IIT, NIT, IIITs, and AIIMS etc. Several students have also excelled in the national level competitive examinations like NEET, JEE etc.
- xi. 277 schools have been affiliated with CBSE so far. Concrete efforts shall be taken to expedite the affiliation of maximum functional EMRSs with CBSE. Result for class X and XII in the A.Y. 2021-22 was 92% and 86% respectively as reported by EMRSs.
- xii. Participation of EMRS students in Pariksha-pe-Charcha Programme organized by DoSE&L, Ministry of Education.
- xiii. Shri Siddharth Yonzon, Principal, EMRS Gangyep, Sikkim got National Award for Teachers in 2022 by Hon'ble President of India.
- xiv. The upgradation of more than 100 building is in progress, Construction of 110 EMRSs completed in last 5 years, in 237 schools work in progress.
- xv. 7 EMRSs inaugurated by Hon'ble President of India.
- xvi. 50 poshan vaticas being set up with M/o Ayush.
- xvii. 3 teachers of EMRS have been felicitated with national awards.
- xviii. An amount of Rs. 28,000 crore allocated for construction of new EMRSs and upgradation of existing EMRSs for the finance cycle 2021-26.

**Annexure**

Annexure as referred in part (a) to (g) of the reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2536 raised by Dr. Dharmasthala Veerendra Heggade for 22.03.2023 regarding "Objectives of Eklavya Model Residential Schools".

**Functional EMRSs across the country (as on 15.03.2023)**

<b>S.N.</b>	<b>State/ UT</b>	<b>No. of Functional EMRS</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	28
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3
3.	Assam	1
4.	Chhattisgarh	73
5.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1
6.	Gujarat	35
7.	Himachal Pradesh	4
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	6
9.	Jharkhand	7
10.	Karnataka	12
11.	Kerala	4
12.	Madhya Pradesh	63
13.	Maharashtra	37
14.	Manipur	3
15.	Mizoram	6
16.	Nagaland	3
17.	Odisha	32
18.	Rajasthan	30
19.	Sikkim	4
20.	Tamil Nadu	8
21.	Telangana	23
22.	Tripura	6
23.	Uttar Pradesh	2
24.	Uttarakhand	3
25.	West Bengal	7
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>401</b>

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