

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 299
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 27/11/2024

EKALAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS (EMRSs)

299 SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of operational Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) in the country, with special reference to Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat;
- (b) the number of proposed EMRSs and non-functional EMRSs in the country; and
- (c) whether Government has made proposals for providing skill training and developments in EMRSs, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a): The total 476 number of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) are functional in the country presently. Out of which 28 are functional in Andhra Pradesh and 38 are functional in Gujarat.

(b): Out of the 728 proposed EMRSs, 715 have been sanctioned of which 239 are currently non-functional.

(c): National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous body under Ministry of Tribal Affairs managing and implementing scheme of EMRS has collaborated with Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to set up skill labs in 50 Eklavya Model Residential Schools. The skill labs are to cater to a diverse range of industries including textile, automotive, AR-VR, electronics, hospitality, health and wellness care, agriculture, artificial intelligence, banking; finance, retail, and more.

Additionally, iHUB DivyaSampark has been launched as a joint initiative of the Department of Science and Technology and IIT Roorkee establishing experience centers/labs in EMRS schools to empower tribal students with practical skills in emerging technologies. As part of this project, Drone and IoT Labs have been successfully set up by NESTS in 20 EMRSs. Further NESTS has also shortlisted 200 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) to promote vocational education with two skill labs planned for each under the Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion “SANKALP” Project with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Department of School Education & Literacy. Ministry of Education.
