

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 300
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 27/11/2024

CENTRALISED HIRING IN EMRS

300 SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering reversal of the centralized hiring policy for Eklavya Model Residential Schools, and restore recruitment responsibilities to State authorities, given the linguistic mismatches impacting students' education, if so, the timeline thereof;
- (b) if not, whether Government intends to provide flexibility for staff to request reassignments closer to their linguistic and cultural backgrounds to support the unique needs of tribal students; and
- (c) if not, additional support be provided to facilitate EMRS staff to learn regional languages within two years (as stipulated)?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY):

(a), (b)&(c): The Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) have been planned on the pattern of Navodya Vidyalayas with the intention of providing quality education to Tribal children. As this is a Central Sector scheme and the selected teaching and non-teaching staff would be NESTS employee, therefore NESTS has planned centralized recruitment. Accordingly, for all 728 sanctioned EMRS schools, 38,800 teaching and non-teaching staff posts have been approved. Recruitment of more than 9000 staff has been done centrally in the Ist phased, of which more than 7700 have joined. Posting of newly recruited teaching and non-teaching staff has done by considering the Home State in respect of candidates in the order of preference to PwBD/Schedule tribe/Female/ Others category depending upon vacancies in their State of domicile. Request of transfer can be approved as per the Transfer policy and available vacancies in that state. State EMRS Societies have been asked to assist staff of the EMRSs in acquiring knowledge of regional languages.
