

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3656**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

**ADMINISTRATION OF EKALAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS**

3656 Smt. Jebi Mather Hisham:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the numbers of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) sanctioned, and working under the revised scheme since 2020, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (b) the current staff strength, and the details of schools facing staff shortage, school-wise (State-wise/UT-wise);
- (c) the steps taken to fill up the staff, including teachers' vacancies;
- (d) the details of vacancies filled during the last five years, school-wise (State-wise/UT-wise); and
- (e) the details of fund allocated for the EMRS scheme since the introduction of new guidelines, the actual usage, and the unspent fund, State-wise/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SH. DURGADAS UIKEY)

**(a):** The Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) was started in the year 2018-19 to provide quality education at par with Navodaya Vidyalaya to the tribal children in their own environment. Under the new scheme, Government decided to establish 440 EMRSs, one EMRS in every block having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons (as per census 2011). Accordingly, Ministry has set cumulative target to set up total of 728 EMRSs benefiting around 3.5 lakh ST students across the country. Additionally, National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) has been established as an autonomous body under Ministry of Tribal Affairs to manage and implement the whole scheme of EMRSs. As on 25.03.2025, a total number of 434 locations have been approved under new scheme out of which 207 schools have been made functional by State Govt. In total 721 EMRSs are approved and 477 are functional. The State/UT wise details of 440 new EMRSs is at **Annexure-I**.

**(b, c & d):** Prior to the year 2019, States were themselves managing EMRSs using the fund directly released by the Ministry. Later, the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, GoI has sanctioned a total of 52 posts per EMRS across the country out of which 31 teaching posts are sanctioned. The sanctioned posts are to be recruited in a phased manner from 2022-23 to 2026-27. NESTS carried out its first drive for direct recruitment of 10391 posts through EMRS Staff Selection Exam (ESSE-2023) and staff selected were posted during 2024-2025. Accordingly, a total of 9075 posting orders including 7050 teaching post orders have been issued. The posting of staff is done as per the highest functional class and number of section and hence all the 52 posts are not posted at class VI level. As and when Schools are made functional the vacancies are assessed and the current teacher student ratio in EMRS stands at 1:15.5. Further, engagement on guest basis have been done by respective state societies in many EMRSs as a stopgap arrangement, so that availability of teaching staff is ensured.

**(e):** Ministry releases funds to NESTS and NESTS further releases funds to States/ UTs/ PSUs/ Construction Agencies/ State Societies as per their requirements for construction of EMRSs and recurring cost for running of these schools. Fund released by NESTS for EMRSs during the last five years is as under-

**Year wise fund allocation and released under EMRS Scheme (as on 27.03.2025)**

(Rs. In Lakh)

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Fund allocation</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	1621.00
<b>2020-21</b>	119995.00
<b>2021-22</b>	105774.00
<b>2022-23</b>	199998.20
<b>2023-24</b>	244761.00
<b>2024-25</b>	474892.00

Further, the details of States-wise/UT-wise funds released by NESTS under EMRS Scheme is at **Annexure-II**.

**Annexure-I**

**Annexure** as referred in part (a) of the reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred question No. 3656 for 02.04.2025 raised by Smt. Jebi Mather Hisham regarding “Administration of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools”.

**States-wise/UT-wise Status of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) approved  
under new scheme of EMRSs**

Sl. No	Name of the State	Schools being established	Functional
1	Andhra Pradesh	14	14
2	Arunachal Pradesh	4	
3	Assam	13	
4	Bihar	1	
5	Chhattisgarh	50	50
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1	1
7	Gujarat	19	10
8	Himachal Pradesh	1	1
9	Jammu & Kashmir		
10	Jharkhand	68	28
11	Karnataka		
12	Kerala		
13	Ladakh	1	
14	Madhya Pradesh	39	31
15	Maharashtra	21	19
16	Manipur	15	
17	Meghalaya	36	
18	Mizoram	11	5
19	Nagaland	17	
20	Odisha	87	20
21	Rajasthan	13	13
22	Sikkim		
23	Tamil Nadu	1	1
24	Telangana	12	12
25	Tripura	14	1
26	Uttar Pradesh		
27	Uttarakhand	1	1
28	West Bengal	1	
	Grand Total	440	207

**Annexure-II**

**Annexure** as referred in part e of the reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred question No. 3656 for 02.04.2025 raised by Smt. Jebi Mather Hisham regarding “Administration of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools”.

**States-wise/UT-wise funds released by NESTS (Rs. In Lakhs)**

S. No.	Name of the State/UT	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25(Till 21.03.2025)
1	Andhra Pradesh	6,199.12	14,591.28	12,600.57	10,795.05	23,277.28
2	Arunachal Pradesh (NE)	200.24	119.54	1,010.87	693.91	2,003.38
3	Assam (NE)	750	1,800.00	1,433.65	2,732.67	8,304.02
4	Bihar	10	0	0	8.95	34.12
5	Chhattisgarh	6,968.12	13,259.66	19,435.93	15,888.89	77,276.02
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	95.7	252.55	568.22	163.45	317.34
7	Gujarat	4,755.86	1,060.00	10,088.95	15,667.55	26,946.17
8	Himachal Pradesh	255.06	599.11	483.18	829.76	1,359.59
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	392.4	1,200.00	891.4	778.27
10	Jharkhand	2,205.73	11,309.20	23,562.27	23,915.13	58,994.70
11	Karnataka	2,495.83	3,672.86	1,768.84	2,677.67	7,710.55
12	Kerala	0	229.56	1,515.66	249	1,137.74
13	Ladakh	0	10	450	800	17.41
14	Madhya Pradesh	14,459.36	3,560.00	31,817.79	13,157.19	34,495.09
15	Maharashtra	2,787.16	4,393.74	12,919.16	8,525.91	29,100.98
16	Manipur (NE)	1,268.00	398.08	2,369.98	3,044.92	2,351.85
17	Meghalaya (NE)	1,123.45	1,100.00	800	21,014.66	31,458.72
18	Mizoram (NE)	3,283.73	6,085.41	2,094.54	1,242.52	14,570.41
19	Nagaland (NE)	5,885.51	9,481.60	557.71	18,377.12	698.27
20	Odisha	6,174.27	10,648.82	28,164.31	48,934.80	61,275.75
21	Rajasthan	12,944.17	18,214.71	19,463.30	13,687.79	13,632.61
22	Sikkim (NE)	800.33	1,037.88	1,047.35	1,118.83	1,034.32

23	Tamil Nadu	1,225.14	1,190.62	1,098.78	1,099.80	1,738.95
24	Telangana	9,517.30	19,695.52	12,794.53	14,276.17	16,187.05
25	Tripura (NE)	6,064.89	5,715.44	6,435.19	6,670.35	8,965.95
26	Uttar Pradesh	386.68	337.49	596.23	624.14	1,327.63
27	Uttarakhand	321.28	598.39	474.95	1,537.53	2,945.43
28	West Bengal	2,062.45	0	2,303.67	1,869.70	1,789.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>92,239.38</b>	<b>1,29,753.86</b>	<b>1,97,055.63</b>	<b>2,30,494.86</b>	<b>4,29,729.07</b>

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