

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3659**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 02/04/2025

**SPECIAL INITIATIVE FOR EDUCATION TO TRIBALS**

3659 SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

Will the Minister of **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current literacy rate among the tribal community in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) the special initiatives or schemes implemented by Government to provide quality education to the tribals; and
- (c) the details of new scheme being proposed by Government to further promote tribal education in the State of Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** As per Census 2011 the literacy rate among tribals states of Jharkhand is below:

Male	Female	All
68.2	46.2	57.1

**(b) & (c):** The specific measures taken by the government to increase literacy and education among STs and thereby diminishing gaps are covered by the following schemes/abhiyans especially for the state of Jharkhand is given below.

1. As per information given by Jharkhand State Government, the seats in 81 Scheduled Tribe Residential School have been increased from 12520 to 31420 to increase enrollment of Scheduled Tribe vide resolution no.2429 dated 04.09.2024. Further the Students are being provided scholarship and cycle by the government. As per department resolution 697 date 14.03.2024 20 Ashram residential School are being operated/run by non-governmental organizations. The distribution of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe is being done by E-Kalyan portal. For the academic year 2023-24 13976 beneficiaries were covered and Rs.23490.470 lakhs were given.

Other majors steps taken by Ministry of Tribal Affairs is given below: -

2(i). EMRS: - The Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) was revamped 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). 90 EMRS has been sanctioned in Jharkhand of which 51 are functional.

The funds released for the state of Jharkhand in EMRS is given below in Rs.lakh:-

State	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Jharkhand	11,309.20	23,562.27	23,915.13

Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) catering to students from Class VI to XII of Jharkhand is given below: -

State	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Jharkhand	3051	3201	3202

2(ii). The following scholarship schemes are also implemented by MoTA

- a) Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class IX and X)
- b) Post Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class XI and above)
- c) National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST students.
- d) National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students (Top Class)
- e) National Overseas Scholarship for ST students

Fund released for Scholarship for the year 2021-22 to 2023-24 is given below in Rs.lakh : -

State	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Jharkhand	17048.94	527.11	11815.56

2(iii). PM JANMAN: -Under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) launched on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 targeted at the socio-economic development of 75 PVTG communities residing in 18 states and one UT. One of the interventions is construction of 500 hostels under Samagra Shiksha which is being implemented by the Ministry of Education. As of now schemes 10 hostels have been sanctioned in Jharkhand and funds allotted are Rs.27.5cr.

2(iv). DAJGUA: - Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan was launched on 2nd October, 2024. The Abhiyan comprises of 25 interventions implemented by 17 line Ministries and aims to saturate infrastructural gaps in 63,843 villages, improve access to health, education, Anganwadi facilities and providing livelihood opportunities benefiting more than 5 crore tribals in 549 districts and 2,911 blocks in 30 States/UTs in 5 years. Each Ministry has been allocated budget and targets under Abhiyan and responsible for implementing the intervention assigned to it. The Abhiyan aims at Saturation through convergence and outreach.

Under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, one of the interventions is construction of 1000 hostels under Samagra Shiksha which is being implemented by Ministry of Education. Further, upgradation & improving infrastructure of Ashram Schools, Hostels, Govt./State Tribal Residential schools is also covered under the abhiyan which is to be considered by Ministry of Tribal Affairs based on the proposals from State Governments.

**3. Development Action Plan for the Scheduled Tribes (DAPST)** Serves as a comprehensive financial framework to ensure the allocation and utilization of funds across various ministries for the development and welfare of Scheduled Tribes (STs). It encompasses a wide range of schemes and interventions targeting the overall socio-economic development of STs. The Budgetary Allocation Significantly increased from ₹21525.36 crore (actual) in 2013-14 annually to ₹1,27,434.20 crore in the year 2025-26,

involving 41 Ministries, including the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. 41 Ministries including Mota are mandated to set aside specific percentage schemes budget annually under DAPST for eg. MoRD is to side 17.5% of its budget of schemes for STs.

4. Department of School Education and Literacy have taken a range of initiatives to ensure that all children are enrolled in schools and complete their school education. Some of the key initiatives like Samagra Shiksha Scheme which reaches out to girls, and children belonging to SC, ST, Minority communities and transgender. It focuses as on special focus Districts on the basis of adverse performance. Special residential school have also been run for girls from class vi to xii. This is for all states including Jharkhand and Tribals girls are also beneficiaries. Presently a total of 183440 ST girls are beneficiaries at all India level. **National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)**, Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) and ULLAS: Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society/NILP primally aimed at literacy is also being done which is benefiting tribals.

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