

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2067
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 17/12/2025

DROP-OUT RATES OF STUDENTS BELONGING TO PVTGs

2067 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Smt. Ranjeet Ranjan:

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) approved, currently operational and number of students enrolled, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (b) status of proposed centralization of EMRS administration under National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS);
- (c) details of enrolment and drop-out rates of students, especially those belonging to the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), State-wise/UT-wise;
- (d) how many EMRS currently meet the infrastructural, staffing and curricular benchmarks envisaged (comparable to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti schools); and
- (e) the reasons for the delay in making regional offices functional, in recruitment for vacancies and in standardisation of processes across States?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The State-wise/UT-wise details of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) approved, operational and number of students enrolled are at **Annexure-I**. National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is the central implementing agency for EMRS Scheme.

(c): The details of enrolment and drop-out rates of students, especially those belonging to the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), State/UT-wise is at **Annexure-II**.

(d) & (e): All new EMRSs constructed under the Central Sector Scheme have well-equipped campuses having modern design spread over 15 acres, with a capacity of 480 students from Classes VI to XII which includes separate Boys' and Girls' Hostels, integrated dining and kitchen facilities, quarters for teaching and non-teaching staff, well-ventilated classrooms, state-of-the-art laboratories and library to support academic learning. To bridge the infrastructure gap for old EMRSs sanctioned under Article 275 (1), the Ministry has sanctioned an amount of ₹ 5 crore for upgradation of such EMRSs.

For staffing, NESTS has already carried out its first phase for direct recruitment of 10391 posts through EMRS Staff Selection Examination (ESSE)-2023. The notification for second phase of recruitment of 7267 teaching and non-teaching posts has also been issued. Besides, State Governments have been advised to engage staff on deputation and outsourcing basis as well. These EMRSs are mandated to run on CBSE pattern. As of now, no proposal for setting up of regional offices of NESTS has been approved.

Annexure as referred in part (a) & (b) of the reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred question No. 2067 for 17.12.2025 raised by Smt. Phulo Devi Netam and Smt. Ranjeet Ranjan regarding “Drop-out rates of students belonging to PVTGs”

State-wise/UT-wise details of EMRSs approved, operational and number of students enrolled

Sl. No	State / UT	Approved	Functional EMRS	Number of Students Enrolled (2025-26)
1	Andhra Pradesh	28	28	10617
2	Arunachal Pradesh	10	5	932
3	Assam	17	6	300
4	Bihar	3	2	NR
5	Chhattisgarh	75	75	27446
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1	1	410
7	Gujarat	47	44	11522
8	Himachal Pradesh	4	4	1022
9	Jammu & Kashmir	6	6	1180
10	Jharkhand	90	51	6872
11	Karnataka	12	12	4447
12	Kerala	4	4	1066
13	Ladakh	3	-	-
14	Madhya Pradesh	71	63	25589
15	Maharashtra	39	37	11185
16	Manipur	21	5	1723
17	Meghalaya	37	2	NR
18	Mizoram	17	11	2399
19	Nagaland	22	3	747
20	Odisha	111	47	13302
21	Rajasthan	31	31	10493
22	Sikkim	4	4	1257
23	Tamil Nadu	8	8	2911
24	Telangana	23	23	10163
25	Tripura	21	12	2469
26	Uttar Pradesh	4	3	1056
27	Uttarakhand	4	4	1145
28	West Bengal	9	8	3110
	Grand Total	722	499	153363

Annexure as referred in part (c) of the reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred question No. 2067 for 17.12.2025 raised by Smt. Phulo Devi Netam and Smt. Ranjeet Ranjan regarding “Drop-out rates of students belonging to PVTGs”

State-wise/UT-wise details of enrolment and drop-out rates of students including PVTG students during Academic Year 2024-25

Sl. No	State / Uts	Enrolment 2024-2025	PVTG Enrolment 2024-25	Overall Dropout (%)	PVTG Dropout (%)
1	Andhra Pradesh	9891	1283	0.67%	0.09%
2	Arunachal Pradesh	734	-	-	-
3	Chhattisgarh	24767	633	0.36%	0.04%
4	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	346	-	1.45%	-
5	Gujarat	11525	21	0.06%	-
6	Himachal Pradesh	902	-	0.22%	-
7	Jammu & Kashmir	900	-	0.33%	-
8	Jharkhand	3257	198	0.18%	-
9	Karnataka	4523	51	0.20%	0.02%
10	Kerala	969	56	-	-
11	Madhya Pradesh	25056	929	0.28%	0.01%
12	Maharashtra	10092	129	0.67%	0.05%
13	Manipur	1440	-	0.42%	-
14	Mizoram	1892	-	0.69%	-
15	Nagaland	744	1	0.13%	-
16	Odisha	11530	391	0.75%	-
17	Rajasthan	9603	116	0.47%	0.01%
18	Sikkim	1248	-	0.16%	-
19	Tamil Nadu	2490	197	0.04%	0.04%
20	Telangana	9282	61	0.40%	-
21	Tripura	2094	238	0.57%	-
22	Uttar Pradesh	890	1	2.02%	-
23	Uttarakhand	1105	160	-	-
24	West Bengal	3056	87	0.16%	-
Grand Total		138336	4552	0.40%	0.02%
