

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2223
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2026

EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

2223 SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:
SHRI UJJWAL DEORAO NIKAM:
SHRI MANAN KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) sanctioned, made functional and under construction till date, State-wise/UT-wise, including progress towards coverage of identified sub-districts with significant ST population;
- (b) the details of enrolment, teacher recruitment, infrastructure status and availability of facilities for academics, sports, skill development and preservation of local art and culture in these schools till date;
- (c) the status of implementation of Eklavya Model Day Boarding Schools (EMDBS) in high ST-density areas and the response thereto; and
- (d) the details of measurable outcomes in terms of academic performance, higher education admissions and student achievements in sports and skill development?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) There is a provision of establishing EMRS in every block having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons, as per the 2011 Census. The State-wise/UT-wise details of status of EMRSs is given at **Annexure**.

(b) As on 06.03.2026, a total of 499 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) are operational across the country with an enrollment of 1,56,564 students. NESTS has undertaken its first drive for direct recruitment of 10,391 posts through ESSE-2023. Staff selected through this process have been posted in EMRSs. To ensure that academic activities are not hampered, guest teachers are also engaged by State Societies, wherever vacancies arise.

All new EMRSs having an area of 15 acres, with student capacity of 480 from Classes VI to XII are well equipped with modern design. These include separate Boys' and Girls' Hostels, integrated dining and kitchen facilities, quarters for teaching and non-teaching staff, classrooms

with modern teaching aids, science and computer laboratories, libraries with diverse learning resources, playgrounds and sports equipment, facilities for extracurricular activities like music, art and sports to preserve local art and culture, computer labs with internet access, skill development and vocational training programs to enhance employability, etc.

(c) Eklavya Model Day Boarding Schools (EMDBS) have been merged with EMRS w.e.f. 29.04.2022.

(d) As reported by the States, during 2024–25, the pass percentage of EMRS students in Class X was 89% and in Class XII was 85%. Further, 129 EMRSs achieved 100% results in Class X and 72 EMRSs achieved 100% results in Class XII. In the same year, 219 EMRS students qualified IIT-JEE (Main), 34 qualified IIT-JEE (Advanced), and 344 students qualified the NEET examination, indicating positive learning outcomes.

To nurture sports talent in EMRSs, National Level Sports Meet is organized by NESTS, apart from State level sports competition in the respective EMRS States. The 4th National EMRS Sports Meet 2025 was held from 11th to 15th November 2025 in Rourkela, Sundargarh and Rajgangpur, Odisha. Around 5,500 tribal students from 21 States and 1 UT participated in 22 individual and team sporting disciplines, with near-equal participation of girls and boys.

Further, to enhance and promote Skill development in EMRSs, under the SANKALP Project of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and National Skill Development Corporation, 400 Skill Labs have been established in 200 EMRS campuses, equipped with robotics, digital fabrication, and electronics tools.

Annexure as referred in part (a) of the reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred question No. 2223 for 11.03.2026 raised by Shri Ryaga Krishnaiah, Shri Ujjwal Deorao Nikam and Shri Manan Kumar Mishra regarding “EKLAHYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS”

State-wise/UT-wise details of status of EMRSs

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Total Sanctioned EMRS	Functional EMRSs	Under Construction
1	Andhra Pradesh	28	28	5
2	Arunachal Pradesh	10	5	3
3	Assam	17	6	10
4	Bihar	3	2	1
5	Chhattisgarh	75	75	40
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1	1	1
7	Gujarat	47	44	20
8	Himachal Pradesh	4	4	3
9	Jammu & Kashmir	6	6	4
10	Jharkhand	91	51	40
11	Karnataka	12	12	0
12	Kerala	4	4	2
13	Ladakh	3		3
14	Madhya Pradesh	71	63	20
15	Maharashtra	39	37	19
16	Manipur	21	5	16
17	Meghalaya	37	2	35
18	Mizoram	17	11	8
19	Nagaland	22	3	19
20	Odisha	111	47	57
21	Rajasthan	31	31	0
22	Sikkim	4	4	0
23	Tamil Nadu	8	8	1
24	Telangana	23	23	1
25	Tripura	21	12	11
26	Uttar Pradesh	4	3	0
27	Uttarakhand	4	4	2
28	West Bengal	9	8	2
	Total	723	499	323
