

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1258
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026

EMRS AND TRIBAL EDUCATION

1258 # Dr. DINESH SHARMA:
SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in terms of the schools currently in operation and the number of students enrolled;
- (b) measures taken to improve the quality of education, infrastructure and skill development in tribal areas; and
- (c) the steps taken to preserve tribal culture, language and traditional knowledge through educational initiatives?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a): As on date, 508 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) are operational across the country in which a total of 156593 students were enrolled during the Academic Session 2025-26.

(b): Various steps have been undertaken to enhance the quality of education and sports facilities in EMRSs across the country which are well-equipped classrooms with modern teaching aids, bridge courses, remedial classes science and computer laboratories, libraries with diverse learning resources, playgrounds and sports equipment, facilities for extracurricular activities like music, art, and sports, smart classrooms for digital education, computer labs with internet access, skill development and vocational training programs on apparel, Automotive, AR/VR, AI, Beauty & Wellness, Agriculture, Electronics, and retail to enhance employability, etc.

(c): The preservation and promotion of tribal culture, language and traditional knowledge are integral components of the Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Scheme. To achieve this, Tribal Corners have been established in EMRSs to showcase and preserve the culture, traditions, art, crafts and heritage of tribal communities. Cultural Programs, Meets and workshops are organized to provide a platform for students to learn about, appreciate and celebrate the diverse tribal cultures and traditions of the country. Further, Regional Language Teachers have been recruited in EMRSs enabling students to learn and preserve their regional languages.
