

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 333
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.2.2018
EKLAVYA MODEL SCHOOLS

333. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to set up Eklavya Model of Residential Schools to promote education among tribal communities in the North Eastern Region; and
- (b) the extent to which this intervention is helpful to regions with limited accessibility?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a) The Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs), with the capacity of 480 students in each school, are set up in the States/ UTs under the Special Area Programme of Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India. The Guidelines of Grants under Article 277(1) stipulates that districts having 25% or more STs and Left-Wing Extremism Districts shall be focused, for implementation of tribal development programmes. Accordingly, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has selected 177 districts which includes 63 districts of North Eastern Region as well. Till date, Ministry has already sanctioned 38 EMRSs in the North Eastern Region.

(b) EMRSs have been functioning as institutions of excellence for tribal students in North East States despite its regions with limited accessibility. The performance of the Students in the board exams have been very encouraging. Pass percentage in Xth Board examination is more than 90% where as it is above 70% in XIIth Board examination. Apart from above, the students of these schools have brought several laurels in both academic and extra-curricular activities such as subject toppers in HSLC exam,2017, innovative technology, modelling, sports and also won Sports Scholarship for Sports Talent for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.
