

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1056**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018

**SCHOOLS IN TRIBAL AREAS**

1056. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the numbers of Government schools opened in tribal areas in the country; and  
(b) the details of the people having basic elementary education in tribal areas?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) provides support under 'Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India' to the State Governments for setting up of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) with the capacity of 480 students in each school. Besides, residential Ashram schools have been set up under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas'. As on 13.12.2018, a total of 284 EMRSs and 1205 Ashram Schools have been sanctioned by MoTA across the country.

Apart from the above, Government through Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing various interventions which provides for opening of new schools and additional rooms in schools. As per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE), developed by the National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), 2015-16, total number of Schools functional in 177 Districts having  $\geq 50\%$  ST population including 14 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected Districts having  $\geq 25\%$  ST population is as under:

Primary only	172643
Primary with Upper Primary	54743
Primary with Upper Primary and Secondary and Hr. Secondary	4673
Upper Primary Only	27719
Upper Primary with Secondary and Hr. Secondary	2043
Primary with Upper Primary and Secondary	8583
Upper Primary with Secondary	6670
Secondary only	6552
Secondary with Higher Secondary	4861
Higher Secondary only	1890
<b>All Schools</b>	<b>290377</b>

(b): As per Census 2011, the literacy rate among Scheduled Tribe in the Country is 59%. As per statistics available in U-DISE, 2015-16, Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of Scheduled Tribe in the country is 103.25 and annual average dropout rate at Primary level is 6.93, at Upper Primary level is 8.59 and at Elementary Level is 7.46.