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**Set up of JNVs in Tribal Areas/Special  
Education Schemes for Aspirational Districts**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the plan to set up Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the tribal dominated areas is under consideration along with the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the education related schemes being implemented in tribal areas;
- (c) whether any special scheme related to education in Aspirational districts is under consideration along with the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any new schemes are proposed for Khargone and Badwani Parliamentary Constituencies along with the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in each district of the country including tribal dominated areas. All the 638 districts as on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2014 of the States/UTs which have accepted the scheme (other than 6 districts which have 100% urban population) have been covered under this scheme. Further, the Government has sanctioned additional second JNVs in 10 Scheduled Tribe (ST) concentrated districts of the country.

Opening of new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) is a continuous process which depends on the willingness of the concerned State Government to make available requisite suitable land free of cost for construction of the permanent building and making available required temporary building, free of rent, to run the Vidyalaya till the permanent building is constructed. Sanction and opening of new JNV depends on approval by the competent authority.

(b) Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) is being implemented as a Central Sector scheme to provide quality education to ST students (Class 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>) in remote areas to enable them to access the best opportunities in education and to bring them at par with the general population. National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization, has been created to manage and implement the scheme of EMRS. Government of India has decided to establish one EMRS in every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons, subject to availability of suitable land to be provided by the concerned State Government.

(c) The Aspirational Districts Programme aims to quickly and effectively transform 112 under-developed districts across the country. The broad contours of the programme are convergence (of Central & State Schemes), Collaboration (of Central, State level 'Prabhari' Officers & District Collectors), and Competition among districts through monthly delta ranking; all driven by a mass movement. Education is also one of the 5 broad socio-economic themes of the Aspirational Districts Programme.

(d) At present, there is no such proposal to introduce new scheme especially for the Khargone and Badwani Parliamentary Constituencies. However, it is constant endeavour of the Government to improve the educational standard in the tribal dominated areas of the country.

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