

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2031
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 13/03/2023

TRIBAL SCHOOLS IN WEST BENGAL

2031. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tribal schools in the State of West Bengal which does not have their own buildings;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to provide buildings for these tribal schools by identifying the villages and sites including allocation of funds thereto; and
- (c) if so, the details and the stage of implementation thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) to (c): As reported by the Govt. of West Bengal, there is no such tribal schools in the State which is run by state and does not have its own building. Further, This Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing Central Sector named Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) under which residential schools are established for tribal students across the country. This scheme aims to provide quality education to Scheduled Tribes (ST) students studying in class 6th to 12th. Under this scheme, one EMRS is being established in every block with more than 50%ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons (as per census 2011) subject to availability of suitable land to be provided by the respective State Government. Out of the 8 EMRSs sanctioned for the State of West Bengal, 7 EMRSs are reported to be functional from their own buildings. For the remaining one location in Kalimpong Block of the state, the site has been identified, first installment of fund amounting to Rs. 8 cr. has been released to the state. The Ministry has asked the state to expedite the construction at Kalimpong and also at Purulia.
