

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3191
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 20/03/2023

EDUCATION TO TRIBAL COMMUNITY

3191. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking steps to encourage education among tribal community;
- (b) if so, the details of schemes implemented for the same between 2019-2022;
- (c) whether the Government has opened education institute for skill development for the tribals in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of the number of institutes opened during the last 3 years; and
- (e) if not, whether the Government plans to open such institutes in the near future?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing the following schemes/programmes to encourage and promote education among tribal community across the country:

(i) Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS): In the year 2019, the scheme of EMRS was carved out from Grants under Article 275(1) as a separate Central Sector Scheme and National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous society under the Ministry, was established to manage and implement the scheme of EMRS. Ministry has set the target to establish 740 EMRSs across the country in the blocks with 50% or more ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons. As on 14.03.2023, a total number of 690 EMRSs have been sanctioned out of which 401 EMRSs are functional with 1,13,275 students enrolled during 2022-23.

(ii) Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution: It is a 100% grant from Government of India. Funding under this programme is to enable the State to meet the cost of such schemes of development as may be undertaken by the State for the purpose of promoting the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in that State for raising the level of administration of Scheduled Areas therein to that of the administration of the rest of the areas of that State. Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy for overall development of tribal people across the

country, which includes various sectors viz. (i) **Education** (ii) Health (iii) Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry (AH), Fisheries, Dairy & others in Primary Sector (iv) Other income generating schemes to augment Tribal household economy and (v) Administrative structure / Institutional framework & Research studies.

(iii) National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students: This a Central Sector Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs with the following two sub-Schemes:

1. National Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education of ST Students (earlier known as Top Class Scholarship Scheme): Under this Scheme, Scholarship is provided for pursuing Graduate/Post Graduate courses in the selected top-class Government and Non-Government Institutes in professional fields such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law etc. All the ST students, with annual parental income of less than 6 lakhs per annum and studying in the 252 such notified institutes are eligible to receive scholarship.

2. National Fellowship Scheme for Higher Education of ST Students: It is a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to grant scholarship to meritorious ST students for pursuing M.Phil or Ph.D in India after completion of Master degree. The total number of fresh fellowships for M.Phil/M.Phil+PhD/Ph.D every year will be 750. ST students with a minimum of 55% marks in Master Degree up to the age of 36 years are eligible to apply for fellowship under the Scheme. The value of fellowship is at par with UGC rates.

(iv) National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) to the ST Students for Studies Abroad: Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to 20 ST students for pursuing higher studies abroad whose annual parental income of less than 6 lakhs per annum.

(v) Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes: Ministry has been funding voluntary organizations working for welfare of STs in tribal Hilly, remote and border areas to address existing infrastructural gaps in these areas in education sector.

(vi) Pre- Matric Scholarship: Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which financial assistance is provided to ST students studying in classes IX and X.

(vii) Post Matric Scholarship: Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which financial assistance is provided to ST students studying beyond class X.

(viii) The National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), a PSU under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, extends concessional loans under the Adivasi Shiksha Rrinn Yojana (ASRY), this is an Education loan scheme to enable the tribal students

to meet expenditure for pursuing technical and professional education including Ph.D. in India. Under this scheme, the Corporation provides financial assistance upto Rs.10 lakh per eligible family. The students are eligible for interest subsidy from Ministry of Education, Government of India, during the moratorium period i.e. course period plus one year after completion of course or six months after getting the job, whichever is earlier.

Besides, other Ministries/Departments also run schemes with their share of grants under Scheduled Tribe Component (STC) for various developmental programmes including promoting education among ST community. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is the nodal ministry for coordination with all concerned for evolving an appropriate skill development framework, removal of disconnect between the demand for and supply of skilled manpower through vocational and technical training, skill up-gradation, building of new skills, innovative thinking and talents not only for the existing jobs but also the jobs that are to be created.

Some major programmes/ activities supported by other concerned Ministries/Departments with funds provided under STC components are mentioned below:

A. Department of Higher Education:

- i. Rashtriya Uchhatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)
- ii. University Grants Commission (UGC)
- iii. All India Council for Technical Education(AICTE)
- iv. Grants to Central Universities (CUs)
- v. Interest Subsidy and contribution for Guarantee Funds
- vi. National Mission in Education Through ICT
- vii. PM Research Fellowship
- viii. Programme for Apprenticeship Training
- ix. Support to Indian Institute(s) of Science, Education and Research (IISER)
- x. Support to Indian Institutes of Technology

B. Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL) has reported about following schemes:

- i. Samagra Shiksha scheme: DoSEL, Ministry of Education is implementing Samagra Shiksha scheme, effective from 2018-19, by subsuming the schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), and Teacher Education (TE). Bridging gender and social category gaps at all levels of school education is one of the major objectives of the scheme. The Scheme reaches out to girls, and children belonging to SC, ST, Minority communities and transgender. The Scheme also focuses on the identified Special Focus Districts (SFDs) on the basis of adverse performance on various indicators of enrolment, retention, and gender parity, as well as concentration of SC, ST and minority communities. A total of 109 ST SFDs, having population of more than 25% and above ST population have been identified. The major interventions of Samagra Shiksha include RTE entitlements under which two sets of uniforms for all girls, and children belonging to SC/ST/BPL families in Government schools up to class VII are provided and provision is also made for textbooks to all children indulging SC/ST in Government/Local Body and Government aided schools, including Madarsas.
- ii. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs): Under Samagra Shiksha, KGBVs are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and BPL. The KGBVs are set up in Educationally Backward Blocks. The objective behind establishing KGBVs is to ensure access and quality education to girls from disadvantaged groups and to reduce gender gaps at all levels of school education. Target group for KGBVs is the girls in the age group of 10-18 years aspiring to study in classes VI to XII belonging to SC, ST, OBC, Minority communities and BPL families. As per Prabandh Portal, the ST enrolment in KGBVs as on 31.12.2022 is 1,77,082. As reported by DoSEL, 822 KGBVs have been sanctioned in 109 ST, SFDs having 25% and above ST population out of which 697 are operational with the enrolment of 66.03% ST girls.
- iii. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)
- iv. Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)

C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship:

- i. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been implementing Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana for providing short term skill training to youth belonging to all sections of the society including tribal community. Under the scheme, as reported by MSDE, as on 31.12.2023, 6.56 lakh candidates from the category Scheduled Tribes (STs) have been trained/oriented.
- ii. National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme
- iii. Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion
