

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 5134
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 03/04/2023

BOOST THE STANDARD OF EMRS

5134. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to boost the standard of tribal people, Government have introduced Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) in the country;

(b) whether the Government plans to expand the number of such schools, district-wise, especially in Karnataka;

(c) the details of the status of proposals the establishment of buildings/hostels for Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) in Karnataka; and

(d) the details of funds allocated/utilized for the said EMRSs during the last two years?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(d): Government has decided to establish Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in every block with more than 50% ST population and atleast 20,000 tribal persons (as per 2011 census). As per these norms, a total number of 740 EMRSs are scheduled to be established across the country by the year 2025-26. 690 EMRSs have already been sanctioned and 401 EMRSs are reported to be functional. A total number of 12 EMRSs have been sanctioned, each with a provision of hostel, by the Ministry in the State of Karnataka and all are reported to be functional in their own building. At present, Government is focusing on completing the identified target of 740 EMRSs across the country.

National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous society has been constituted for implementation of the scheme of EMRS and funds are released by the Ministry to NESTS. NESTS further releases funds to State Societies and Construction Agencies as per their respective requirement. The details of fund released to NESTS for release of the fund to State Societies and Construction Agencies etc., including Karnataka, along with utilization reported by NESTS for the last two years is as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

Financial year	Fund sanctioned/Released To NESTS	Utilization reported by NESTS
2020-21	1199.98	1199.98
2021-22	1057.74*	301.00

*UC in respect of fund released under CCA is not due as on date.
