GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2844 TO BE ANSWERED ON- 07/08/2023

TECHNICAL TRAINING IN EMRS

2844. SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Eklavya Model Residential School opened by the Government for education of tribal students in the last four years especially in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to introduce some technical training programme in these schools so that students can acquire technical knowledge that will further help them in getting employment?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sanctioned 352 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) in the last four years across the country including 35 EMRSs in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Out of 352 sanctioned EMRSs, 131 are be functional including 28 EMRSs in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
- **(b):** Government has recognized the importance of equipping students with technical skills to enhance their employability and as a part of this initiative, Skill Labs are being set up in EMRSs in collaboration with CBSE under World Bank project. In first phase CBSE has selected 25 EMRSs for setting up Skill labs and collaboration has also been solicited from Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for skill hub initiative in EMRSs.

Further, collaborations have been made with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and ATAL Tinkering Labs (ATLs) have been set up in 15 EMRSs. AIM is Government of India's flagship initiative to create and promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship by fostering curiosity, creativity, and imagination in young minds; and inculcate skills such as design mind-set, computational thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing etc.
