

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- †1325
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 11/12/2023

DEVELOPMENT OF PVTG

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch any specific programme or mission for the development of such PVTGs separately;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to impart quality education in all the tribe-dominated blocks across the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a): There are 75 tribal groups classified as the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) spread over 18 States and the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(b) & (c): Government has recently launched Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) on 15th November 2023, which is celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas. The mission with financial outlay of around Rs.24,000 Crore aims to saturate PVTG households and habitations with basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, electrification of un-electrified households and sustainable livelihood opportunities in time bound manner in 3 years.

(d): Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) for providing quality education to tribal students in their own environment. For the first time since independence, in 2019, Government of India, gave special attention to tribal education and decided to set up an EMRS in each block having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons (as per census 2011) in remote, forest areas, hilly and difficult areas. Accordingly, Ministry has set the target to set up 740 EMRSs to enroll around 3.5 lakh ST students across the country. National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization, has been established to manage and implement the scheme of EMRS.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing following Scholarship Schemes to promote and encourage basic and higher education amongst ST population:

- i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class IX and X)
- ii) Post Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class XI and above)
- iii) National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students.
- iv) National Overseas Scholarship for ST students

Besides, financial assistance is also provided under education related projects based on the proposals of State Governments under grants under proviso to Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.
