

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2131
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021

QUALITY OF MIDDLE AND HIGH LEVEL EDUCATION IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the scheme of Eklavya Model Residential Schools was introduced to provide quality middle and high-level education to Scheduled Tribe students in remote areas including in Bihar and;
(b) if so, the details thereon and number of schools sanctioned to Bihar?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In order to provide quality education to tribal students in their own environment, a separate Central Sector scheme was carved out in 2018 to improve the geographical outreach of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) to every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons (as per census 2011). Prior to 2018, 288 EMRSs were sanctioned under 275(1) of constitution, where in grants are given to States by Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Under the revamped scheme, 452 blocks have been identified for establishment of EMRS schools. A total of 740 EMRSs (288+452) schools would be sanctioned by 2022 based on provision of suitable land by the States. For establishment of EMRSs, construction cost of Rs. 20.00 crore per school with an additional 20% for schools in North East, hilly areas, difficult areas and areas affected by Left Wing Extremism is released by the Ministry.

Each EMRS will have 480 students including 240 boys and 240 girls, studying in class VI to XII. An amount of Rs.1.09 lakhs per student per annum is released to meet the recurring expenditure on these students including food, uniform, books etc.

As on date, 632 EMRSs have been sanctioned, which include 288 under the old scheme and 344 in the new scheme. Three EMRSs have been sanctioned for the State of Bihar as per details given below:

District	Block/Taluka	Village/Habitation	Whether functional/ non-functional
West Champaran	Gaunaha	Belsandi	Non-functional
Jamui	Jhajha	Jhajha	Non-functional
Kaimur(Bhabhua)	Adhaura	Kham Khurd	Non-functional

National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) as an autonomous body under the Ministry has been setup to provide overall support and policy directions to the schools in order to bring uniformity in the administration of the schools. The State/UT EMRS Societies at the State/UT level have been set up for day-to-day management of the schools. There are total 367 functional EMRSs across the country with around 85,232 students currently enrolled.
