

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 4008**  
ANSWERED ON- 28/03/2022

**FUND FOR DIGITAL EDUCATION**

4008. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any endeavour to earmark a separate fund for digital education and awareness of our Tribal fraternity so that their lives may be made easier in the changed scenario; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) and (b):** Yes Sir. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) through Education and Research Network of India (ERNET India), an autonomous scientific society under (MeitY), is executing a project entitled “Establishment of Intelligent Educational Infrastructure (SMART) in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs)”. The 2 year project aims at setting up of digital classrooms in 175 Eklavya schools which are functioning from their own buildings. The project is being funded jointly under Schedule Tribe Component (STC) of MeitY (90% contribution) and Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) (10% contribution). The total outlay of the project is Rs.3629.75 lakh.

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