

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 38
ANSWERED ON- 18/07/2022

STATUS OF EMRS

38. DR. A. CHELLAKUMAR:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has built 462 Eklavya Model Residential Schools as per the Ministry's objective;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of schools completed and open for students, the number of schools under construction, the number of schools yet to be built, and the number of students attending these schools;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to reassess the number of schools required given that the estimate of 462 schools is based on Census 2011 data;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government will allow setting up of more than one EMRS in districts having majority ST population; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Ministry has set the target of establishment of 452 number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) across the country under revamped scheme as per the population criteria approved for this purpose. Out of 452 EMRSs, construction has commenced at 180 locations and 173 EMRSs are at pre-construction stages and suitable land for 99 EMRSs are being finalized by respective State/UT Governments. The construction work could not be started at these 99 locations due to delay in finalization of suitable land for establishment of EMRS as per schematic norms.

(c): This Ministry has set the target of establishment of 740 EMRSs across the country, out of which 452 are under the revamped scheme and remaining 288 is under the old scheme of Article 275 (1). Out of these 740, construction of 214 EMRSs have been completed; 236 EMRSs are under various stages of construction; and remaining 290 are yet to be built. As on date, a total number of 378 EMRSs are functional including those being run in alternate buildings with 105463 students enrolled during Academic Year 2021-22.

(d) and (e): At present, this Ministry is focusing to establish 740 targeted number of schools and making them functional at the earliest, therefore, such reassessment has not so far been done.

(f) and (g): As per the EMRS guidelines, every block with at least 50% ST population and 20,000 or more tribal persons (as per Census 2011) is scheduled to have an EMRS. Accordingly, Ministry has identified such blocks fulfilling the above criteria for establishment of EMRSs across the country. Since many of these identified blocks are situated in same district of a State, therefore, this Ministry has approved establishment of more than one EMRSs in such districts. Till date, EMRSs have been sanctioned for 684 locations falling in 263 districts of the country, out of which 135 districts are having more than one EMRSs spread over 21 states.
