

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1653
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 05/12/2024

EMPOWERING OF TRIBAL COMMUNITY IN RAYALASEEMA AND NANDYAL REGION

1653. DR. BYREDDY SHABARI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to sanction any new Eklavya school for tribal children of Nandyal region/Rayalaseema region, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the details of steps taken to improve the education standards of tribal community of Nandyal region, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any funds are being allotted for the welfare of the tribal community at Nandyal region during the FY 2024-25, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps and measures being taken to ensure that the health standards of the tribal community of the Nandyal region are improved;
- (e) whether any steps and measures are being taken to provide minimum wage earning jobs to the tribal community of Nandyal region, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps and measures being taken to promote and market tribal products of Nandyal region?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) & (b): The Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) was started in the year 2018-19 to provide quality education at par with Navodaya Vidyalaya to the tribal children in their own environment. Under the new scheme, Government decided to establish 440 EMRSs, one EMRS in every block having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons (as per census 2011). 288 EMRS schools were initially funded under Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution, which are being upgraded as per the new model. Accordingly, Ministry has set the target to set up total of 728 EMRSs benefiting around 3.5 lakh ST students across the country. As on date, 715 schools have been sanctioned, out of which 476 EMRSs have been reported to

be functional across the country benefiting about 1,33,929 students. covering 264 districts in 28 States/UTs.

There are 28 EMRSs sanctioned in the State of Andhra Pradesh including Rayalaseema region where two Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) under Article 275 (1) are already operational at Buchinaidu Kandriga and Ozili. These schools are part of the initiative to provide quality education to tribal students in remote areas.

Further, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing following Scholarship Schemes to promote and encourage basic and higher education amongst ST population all over the country including state of Andhra Pradesh:

- i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students (For Class IX and X):
- ii) Post Matric Scholarship for ST students (For Class XI and above):
- iii) National Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education of ST Students (earlier known as Top Class Scholarship Scheme): Scholarship is provided for pursuing Graduate/Post Graduate courses in the 265 top-class Government and Non-Government Institutes in professional fields such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law etc.
- iv. National Fellowship Scheme for Higher Education of ST Students: Scholarship to meritorious ST students for pursuing M.Phil or Ph.D in India
- v) National Overseas Scholarship for ST students: Scholarships are given to the meritorious Schedule Tribe (ST) students for pursuing higher education abroad.

In addition to this, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL) under Ministry of Education is implementing Samagra Shiksha scheme. Bridging gender and social category gaps at all levels of school education is one of the major objectives of the scheme. The Scheme focuses on the identified Special Focus Districts (SFDs) on the basis of performance on various indicators of enrolment, retention, and gender parity, as well as concentration of SC. ST and minority communities and financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for the expansion of quality education by undertaking various activities such as setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, setting up and running of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, establishing of PVTG hostels under PM-JANMAN and Tribal hostels under DA JGUA etc.

Foundation stone of 1 PVTG hostel at Nandyal was laid on 2 nd October 2024. Further it has been informed by DoSEL that in the Nandyal District there are 27 functional KGBVs ,residential schools running from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups including STswith a total enrolment of 6592 girl students

(c) &(d): For the welfare of the Tribal Communities, During FY 2023-24, Hon'ble Prime Minister launched Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha AbhiyaN (PM JANMAN) for socio-economic development of 75 PVTG communities residing in 18 states and one UT. The mission aims to provide basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, electrification of unelectrified households and sustainable livelihood opportunities in 3 years. These objectives are planned to be met through 11 interventions implemented by 9 line Ministries. The details of benefits given under PM JANMAN (as on 21.11.2024) in Andhra Pradesh including Nandyal district since its inception is as follows:

Ministry	Intervention	Sanctions	Financial sanctions (in Rs. cr)
Rural Development	Pucca houses	32258 houses	44.33
	Connecting roads	315.538 Km road	280.53
Jal Shakti	Piped Water Supply	372 villages saturated	Not Available
Health and Family Welfare	Mobile Medical Units (MMUs)	119 MMUs sanctioned	40.31
Women & Child Development	Anganwadi Centers (AWCs)	266 AWCs	43.44
Education	Hostels	8 Hostels	18.85
Power	Energization of HHs	25054 HHs	88.71
New and Renewable Energy	Energization of HHs	1675 HHs	8.38
Deptt. of Telecom, M/o Communication	Mobile towers	1010 habitations	94.5
Tribal Affairs	Multipurpose Centres (MPCs)	125 MPCs	14.97
	Setting up of VDVks	73 VDVks	3.105

As per information provided by concerned Ministries

Particularly In Nandyal District of Andhra Pradesh, Rs. 4.40 Crore has been sanctioned for construction of 7.11 k.m. Road from Kapileswaram to Janalagudem via Siddeswaram Balapalathippa Janalagudem. additionally 10 newly deployed Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) have been flagged off on 2nd October 2024.

Hon'ble PM launched Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan on 2nd October, 2024. The Abhiyan comprises of 25 interventions implemented by 17line Ministries and aims to saturate infrastructural gaps in 63,843 villages, improve access to health, education, Anganwadi facilities and providing livelihood opportunities benefiting more than 5 crore tribals in 549 districts and 2,911 blocks in 30 States/UTs in 5 years. Each Ministry has been allocated budget and targets under Abhiyan and responsible for implementing the intervention assigned to it. The Abhiyan aims at Saturation through convergence and outreach.

(e) & (f): To facilitate and promote the tribal products , The Ministry of Tribal Affairs through its agency namely Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) is implementing the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission' (PMJVM) which includes formation of Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) . Under the scheme, in all the States including Andhra Pradesh, TRIFED provides backward & forward linkages to its empanelled tribal artisans / suppliers for marketing of their products under various categories like metal craft, textile, jewellery, painting, cane & bamboo, terracotta & pottery, organic & natural food products etc. through online and offline platforms. TRIFED also organizes and participates in festivals, melas etc. to provide platforms to the tribal artisans to showcase their products and connect them to the potential buyers giving thereby an opportunity to enhance their entrepreneurship activities. In Andhra Pradesh 415, VDVKs has been formed.
