

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2858
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 12/12/2024

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

2858. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of progress made in establishing new Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) during the last three years;
- (b) the details and number of EMRS sanctioned, constructed and operational during the said period, particularly in Kalimpong, Darjeeling and North Dinajpur districts;
- (c) the details of budget allocation for EMRS development for the current fiscal year; and
- (d) the details of the academic achievements and enrollment statistics of students in EMRS?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI. DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a): 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). With 288 schools sanctioned under Article 275(1), Ministry has set the target to set up total of 728 EMRSs across the country. As on date, 715 schools have been sanctioned, out of which 476 EMRSs are functional benefiting about 1,33,929 students. The progress made in establishing new Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) during the last three years is as under:-

- **Locations Approved for EMRS (2021-22 to 2023-24) for setting up new EMRSs: 111.**
- **Operational EMRSs: 48 EMRSs** have been made functional during this period
- **Construction Progress: 119 buildings** have been completed.

(b): Nine EMR Schools have been identified for State of West Bengal as detailed at table below. Out of which 01 EMRS has been approved in Kalimpong Block of Kalimpong District in the year 2018-19 and the same has been made functional by State Govt. Presently, this school is currently in the pre-construction stage. No EMRS has been approved in Darjeeling and North Dinajpur district.

S. No.	District	Block/ Taluka	Village	Scheme	Year of sanction
1	Bankura	Khatra	Gorabari	Article 275 (1)	1997-98
2	Birbhum	Bolpur Sriniketan	Kankutia	Article 275 (1)	2005-06
3	Dakshin Dinajpur	Bansihari	Kuarsai	Article 275 (1)	2005-06
4	Jalpaiguri	Nagrakata	Sulkapara	Article 275 (1)	1997-98
5	Jhargram	Jhargram	Jhargram (Satyabanpally)	Article 275 (1)	1997-98
6	Kalimpong	Kalimpong	Kalimpong	Article 275 (1)	2018-19 (Old)
7	Paschim Bardhaman	Kanksa	Raghunathpur	Article 275 (1)	1997-98
8	Purulia	Manbazar - II	Shusina	Article 275 (1)	1997-98
9	Purulia	Bundwan	land is to be identified by State Govt	New Scheme	land is to be identified by State Govt

(c): Ministry of Tribal Affairs releases funds to National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous body under Ministry of Tribal Affairs managing and implementing scheme of EMRS and NESTS further releases funds to States/ UTs/ PSUs/ Construction Agencies/ State Societies as per their requirements for construction of EMRSs and recurring cost for running of the schools. An amount of Rs. 6,399.00 crore has been allocated for Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential Schools in the Budget Estimate for the year 2024-25.

(d): The details of academic achievements of EMRSs is as under :

1. Pass percentage of 88.69% and 82.18% results has been achieved in class X and XII respectively during 2023-24.
2. Completed teacher's training on School Quality Accreditation and Assessment (SQAA) organized by CBSE Successfully
3. Introduction of vocational Courses for EMRS students for Academic Year 2024-25.
4. Through launch of dedicated EKLAVYA Channel EMRS students are being equipped in Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) subjects On this channel, STEM contents from class 9th to 12th are aired on the channel also IIT & NEET preparation recorded lectures are aired for helping tribal students to prepare for competitive examination. STEM contents are also aired in Tribal Language.
5. 158 EMRS have been provided with smart classroom infrastructure and manpower training and 328 EMRSs are being equipped with smart classrooms with internet connectivity in collaboration with ERNET.
6. Project has been initiated for preparing students for engineering and medical competitive exams through digital mode and live classes are aired in EMRSs having Senior secondary.
7. The students of EMRSs across the States have successfully got into Institutes of repute including IIT, NIT, IIITs, AIIMS and Olympiads etc. Several students have also excelled in the competitive examinations such as State PCS, other govt Jobs etc.
8. Amazon Future Engineer (AFE), a comprehensive childhood-to-career program aimed at increasing access to computer science education for children and young adults from underserved and underrepresented communities. It recognizes the criticality of Computational skills including problem solving abilities, logical thinking, coding skills etc. for children in the ever-evolving future.

9. Till date (350+) schools have been affiliated with CBSE so far.
10. EMRS students have participated in Pariksha-pe-Charcha Programme organized by DoSE&L, Ministry of Education.
11. EMRS students have participated in the Youth Parliament Program, organized by Ministry of Parliament Affairs.
12. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, interacted with 6 EMRS students on Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas that is 15th Nov, 2024 and appreciated paintings made by these students. The painting exhibition stall showcasing paintings of EMRS students was appreciated by Hon'ble PM.
13. 16 selected students of EMRSs successfully completed Advance Mountaineering Course conducted by ABVIMAS. The selection was made from the pool of students who completed the Basic Mountaineering Course.
14. Space science program is introduced by NESTS in collaboration with ISRO and it is known as Janatiya Yuva Antariksh Karyakram (JAYAKAR) and in Pilot Phase 120 senior secondary students participated in the program. This program is a 7-days residential program in which Space Science Course designed by ISRO was disseminated among EMRS students.
15. NESTS has introduced a program named as Tribal Aptitude Life Skills And Self Esteem Hub (TALASH) ,under this program tribal students are provided with Life Skills and Self Esteem training helping them in personality development.
16. 400 Skill labs in 200 EMRSs in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneur are being set up/

Further, in academic session 2024-25, a total 1,33,929 students have enrollment in EMRSs.
