

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 4118
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 19/12/2024

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PVTGs

4118. SMT. KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), children's school education during the last five years till date, year-wise;
- (b) the details of students dropout from PVTGs without finishing school education during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is implementing 5% reservation for PVTGs in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons for the dropout of students and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken so far to overcome that?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): For the development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) funds released under erstwhile Conservation-cum- Development (CCD) Scheme during 2019-20 to 2023-24 is as under.

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Funds released (Rs. in lakh)	24999.00	14000.00	16000.00	13717.93	0.00

The funds allocated specifically for educational activities under CCD Scheme for development of PVTGs, during 2019-20 to 2023-24 is as under.

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Funds Approved (Rs. in lakh)	5985.03	5938.52	7581.90	1235.00	0.00

2. From November 2023, Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha AbhiyaN (PM JANMAN) was launched for socio-economic development of 75 PVTG communities residing in 18 states and one UT. The scheme 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. To improve access to education 194 hostels for PVTG amounting to Rs. 476.16 Cr have been approved under PMJANMAN by Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt of India.

3. The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) has been established as an autonomous body under Ministry of Tribal Affairs for managing and implementing scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS). 5% seats are reserved for PVTGs in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) in accordance with the admission guidelines issued by NESTS. The funds released by NESTS include funds for construction of EMRSs and recurring cost for running of the schools including PVTG. However, no separate accounting for PVTG students is maintained. Further details of the PVTGs dropouts for last 3 years is as under:

S. No.	Year	Number of PVTG students dropped out
1.	2021-22	10
2.	2022-23	14
3.	2023-24	18

4. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs gives grant to State Governments for conducting studies including studies on quality of education in Ashram and other residential schools and hostels, issue of student dropouts, teacher, infrastructure and other facilities under scheme of TRIs. Some of these studies have been given in **Annexure-1**. For the reports, the portal developed by the Ministry (repository.tribal.gov.in) can be visited. Ministry has also recently given a study to NABET/Quality Council of India (QCI) for evaluation of around 300 such schools and hostels to find out infrastructural gaps and fund requirements. Infrastructure gaps, teacher's shortage, pressure to work for earning, quality of education, are some of the reasons for drop out. Based on the findings of these studies, under PMJANMAN, there is provision of setting up 500 Hostel exclusively for PVTGs and 1000 hostels under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan. Under

Dharti Aaba, Ministry has earmarked about RS 7500 cr for upgradation of Ashram schools, hostels and other residential schools for Tribal students and PVTGs. The other steps being undertaken are as under.

- i. Construction of EMRS and residential schools in the vicinity of tribal habitation as far as possible subject to availability of land.
- ii. There are 5 scholarship schemes for tribal including and separate eats are reserved for PVTGs in National fellowship and National Overseas Scholarship.
- iii. Mobilizing the tribal population to enroll in EMRSs (Eklavya Model Residential Schools) by raising awareness about the schools through participation in camps and outreach programs.
- iv. Introducing vocational courses to enable students to acquire skills that will support their sustainability in the job market.
- v. Providing necessary facilities for career counselling to make students aware of prevailing opportunities, which enables students to gain insights into different career paths, understand industry requirements, and acquire the necessary skills for success in their chosen fields.
- vi. The Ministry is also focusing on skill enhancement of students to support them post-formal education. This includes making them aware of the scholarship schemes offered by the Ministry to facilitate their pursuit of higher studies.
- vii. Focusing on building new infrastructure and recruiting high- quality human resources in a timely manner to enhance educational outcomes and reduce drop-out rates. As a result, the dropout rate among tribal students in EMRSs remains minimal.

Annex referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred question 4118 raised by Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi:

Year	Subject of Study
1991	Taluka wise backlog of current post basic (Secondary) Ashram schools in Maharashtra
Jul-1986	Systematic Planning of Ashram School in Maharashtra
Mar-2020	Survey of Ashram school Enrolments
Apr-1994	Suggestions for the Drawbacks in Admissions Results & Drop-out of students in Govt. Ashram Schools
Mar-1989	Study of working of aided Ashram Schools run by the Voluntary Organization in Maharashtra State
Oct-2002	Politicians Controlling Aided Ashram Schools
May-1990	Planning of Ashram Schools in Maharashtra and its Backlog
Mar-1989	Northern Primary Ashram Schools of STs of Gujarat - An Evaluation Study
Jul-2022	Monitoring & Evaluation of Tribal Ashram Schools Scheme (with Special Reference to Gujarat)
Jul-2019	Evaluation Of Ashram Schools In Odisha
Oct-2017	Educational Schemes for Tribal Students of Tripura - Ashram School
Mar-2009	Ashram Schools Evaluation 2008-09
Nov-2021	An evaluation report on Vocational Training centers attached to Post Basic Ashram schools in Maharashtra
Jun-2008	An Evaluation Report on Agricultural experiment centers established in Govt. Ashram Schools in Maharashtra
Mar-1995	An Evaluation Report of the Visits of Educational-Medical & other Vigilance Officers to Govt. Ashram School
Dec-1994	An Evaluation Report of Govt. Ashram Schools for Tribals
Sep-2012	An Evaluation of the Water Supply Scheme to Tribal Ashram Schools
May-1995	An Evaluation of the Amenities and Facilities in Govt Ashram Schools
Sep-1995	A Comparative Study on Tribal Ashram Schools Among the Chenchus & Sugalis (Lambadis) of Andhra Pradesh
Aug-1996	A Comparative Study of Educational Status of Z.P. Schools & Govt. Ashram Schools
