

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024

SKILL TRAINING TO TRIBAL STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the importance of providing basic and advanced level training to tribal students to enhance skills thereof; and
- (b) the number of students receiving basic and advanced training respectively?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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(a) & (b): Providing basic and advanced level training to tribal students is crucial for empowering them and improving their communities. Basic training equips students with foundational knowledge and practical skill, while advanced training opens doors to specialized careers and entrepreneurship. This dual approach bridges educational gaps, promotes economic mobility, and enhances social integration.

National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous society under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, which is mandated with establishing and managing Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRSs), has signed an MoU with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, in March 2024, for setting up of 400 Skill labs in 200 EMRSs (2 Skill Lab per school). Also, NESTS in association with CBSE & World Bank has established 14 more skill labs in EMRSs to facilitate Skill training of tribal students studying in these EMRSs. NESTS has also collaborated with NITI Aayog and established Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) labs in 16 EMRSs. Students studying in these schools are enabled to have exposure in skill development.
