

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1449**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 13/02/2025

**EMRS IN ODISHA**

1449. SHRI ANANTA NAYAK:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) sanctioned in Odisha;
- (b) the number of EMRS currently operational and the timeline for the completion of the remaining schools;
- (c) the time of beginning of admissions in these schools; and
- (d) the number of students enrolled so far, particularly in the operational schools of Keonjhar district?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

- (a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has approved the establishment of 114 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) in Odisha State out of which locations for 108 EMRSs have been approved as on 31.01.2025.
- (b) As on date 47 EMRSs are operational in Odisha state .The building completion timeline after award of work is 18 months for plain areas and 24 months for LWE areas.
- (c) National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to manage and implement the scheme of EMRS, has issued Centralized admission Guidelines for the academic year 2025-26 on 01.01.2025, with specific instructions to State Societies to complete the admission procedure by 01.04.2025 to ensure a smooth and timely admission process. To facilitate this, NESTS has taken several measures, including issuing clear directives to State Societies regarding timelines and procedures, regular monitoring and coordination with States. These steps are aimed at ensuring transparency, efficiency, and the timely completion of the admission process so that students can commence their academic session without delays.
- (d) A total of 757 students have been enrolled in EMRSs in Keonjhar district for the academic year 2024-25.

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