

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2323
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 13/03/2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF HOSTELS FOR ST STUDENTS IN RAJASTHAN

†2323. SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up hostels for Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in Dausa district of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any scheme/action-plan has been prepared in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that no Government hostel is available for ST students in Dausa district;

(d) if so, whether the Government is taking any concrete steps to establish hostels in areas such as Teetarwada, Dharanwas, Hingota, Gandrawa, Gokulpura, Sikri, Jagarapura Patti and Thikariya and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to sanction the required budget for the construction of these hostels and implement the said scheme/action-plan soon and if so, the details thereof along with the estimated timeline set for the same; and

(f) whether the Government provides necessary resources and facilities to the ST students to empower them socially and educationally and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (e): Ministry of Tribal Affairs has no scheme to set up hostels for scheduled Tribe Students. However, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) was earlier running a separate scheme “Hostels for ST Girls and Boys” under which funds were provided to State Governments for construction of hostels. The scheme was in currency till financial year 2017-18. As part of rationalization of schemes of the Ministry, the intervention of construction of hostels were subsumed under the schemes of ‘Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) and Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution from 2018-19 onwards wherein funds are provided to the State Governments based on the proposal received from them after appraisal and approval of the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) in the Ministry.

The details of hostels sanctioned in the State of Rajasthan including Dausa under Proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution is as under:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S No.	Activity	Location	PAC Approved Amount
Financial Year: 2021-22			
1.	Construction of 13 Ashram Hostels for ST students in high performing schools 1. Ajmer (H/Q) 2. Neemka Thana(Sikar) 3. Weir(Bharatpur) 4. Mandrayal(Karauli) 5. Bhinmal(Jalore) 6. Badodiya(Hindoli-Bundi) 7. Karnawar(Bandikui-Dausa) 8. Shahpura(Bhilwara) 9. Godi-Tejpur(Banswara) 10. Kundla(Banswara) 11. Keshorai Patan(Bundli) 12. Manoharthana (Jhalawar) 13. Karauli HQ Capacity: 50 Students each Total Construction Area: 11600 Sq. feet Approx Cost- @Rs. 2400/Sq. feet = Rs. 280.00 Lac/hostel	Bharatpur, Karauli, Dausa, Jhalawar. Sikar, Bundi, Banswara, Bhilwara, Ajmer, Jalore,	1300.00
Financial Year: 2023-24			
2.	Construction of 13 Ashram Hostels for ST students in schools with good academic performance No. of Hostels: 13, Committed Liability of Sanction Year: 2021-22, Total cost: 3640.00 Lakh, Fund already released- 2640.00.	Bharatpur, Karauli, Dausa, Jhalawar. Sikar, Bundi, Banswara, Bhilwara, Ajmer, Jalore,	1000.00
Financial Year: 2024-25			
3.	Construction of 7 New Hostels Total Cost: Rs. 1960.00 lakh Unit Cost: Rs. 280.00 lakh	Jodhpur, Sirohi (2), Bhilwara (2), Jalore, Dausa	875.00

Additionally, In the State of Rajasthan, Ministry has approved kitchen garden for 300 Hostels & Schools of TADD during the FY 2017-18 for the approved amount is Rs. 40.5 Lakh under the Scheme of SCA to TSS.

(f): Further, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing following Scholarship Schemes to promote and encourage basic and higher education amongst ST Students to make them socially and educationally empowered.

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 the above scheme Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan has been launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister 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 in 549 districts and 2,911 blocks in 30 States/UTs in 5 years. including 321 villages in 11 Blocks of Dausa district in Rajasthan. The abhiyan has interventions of hostels under Samagra Shiksha of Ministry of Education and hostels are also covered under Ministry of Tribal Affairs interventions under the abhiyan. Based on the proposals from State Government during FY 2024-25, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has approved projects worth Rs.60.29 Cr for upgradation of residential schools/construction of hostels, toilet block etc."

The scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS), as a Central Sector Scheme, was started in the year 2018-19 to provide quality education to the tribal children in their own environment. 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.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, under the Central Sector Scheme Tribal Research Information, Education, Communication and Events (TRI-ECE) has entrusted a project “Semiconductor Fabrication & Characterization Training for Students from Tribal Community” to Centre for Nano Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru in 2023-24. The project aims to deliver 2100 NSQF-certified level 6.0 & 6.5 training in Semiconductor Technology to tribal students over three years in collaboration with IISc. Under the project, there is provision of providing basic training to 1500 tribal students and advanced training to 600 tribal students. Presently, 111 trainees have received training in the 1st Foundation Program and total 29 trainees for the 1st Advanced Program on Nano Science and Technology.

Under the scheme of Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes, the Ministry funds projects in the fields of education and health, covering residential schools, non-residential schools, hostels, mobile dispensaries, ten or more bedded hospitals, livelihood, etc.
