

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3265**  
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025

**EKLAVYA SCHOOLS**

**3265. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur:**

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the increase in budget allocation for Eklavya Schools since 2014;
- (b) the increase in student enrollment since 2014, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the increase in teacher recruitment since 2014, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) to provide quality education to the tribal children (from class VI to XII) in their own environment from the year 2018-19. Under the new scheme of EMRS, Ministry releases funds to National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), the autonomous organization under the Ministry to manage and implement the 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. Prior to 2020-21, this scheme was a component under Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India and therefore no separate budget allocation was made for the scheme of EMRS. Budget allocation under new EMRS scheme from 2020-21 onwards are as under:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (in Crore)</b>
2020-21	1199.98
2021-22	1057.74
2022-23	1999.98
2023-24	2447.61
2024-25	4,748.92

(b) Prior to 2019-20, the enrollment data was maintained by the respective State/UT EMRS Societies. The state-wise enrollment in EMRSs, as reported by NESTS, since 2019-20 is as follows:

Sl. No	State / UTs	Enrollment in Academic Year					
		2024-2025	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
1	Andhra Pradesh	9905	8810	7087	5795	4609	3424
2	Arunachal Pradesh	734	451	290	220	100	208
3	Assam	NR*	NR	NR	480	480	480
4	Chhattisgarh	24464	21943	19123	15581	11519	7961
5	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	346	300	238	179	120	-
6	Gujarat	11471	11066	10985	10973	10974	10156
7	Himachal Pradesh	906	794	673	552	422	312
8	Jammu & Kashmir	806	577	294	-	-	-
9	Jharkhand	3289	3202	3201	3051	3084	3558
10	Karnataka	4525	4236	4185	4027	3638	3053
11	Kerala	969	862	697	560	520	535
12	Madhya Pradesh	24842	23084	24281	23393	20657	12946
13	Maharashtra	10083	9010	8048	7062	6272	5067
14	Manipur	1441	1435	1440	1431	1439	1440
15	Mizoram	1901	1197	1250	1061	856	396
16	Nagaland	744	712	681	671	640	619
17	Odisha	11519	9625	8495	7317	6711	5821
18	Rajasthan	9611	8375	8222	7224	5938	4947
19	Sikkim	1247	1254	1131	1008	987	979
20	Tamil Nadu	2491	2226	2488	2867	2506	2186
21	Telangana	9256	8194	7113	6795	5815	3960
22	Tripura	2086	1994	1984	1899	1824	1740
23	Uttar Pradesh	898	652	617	480	495	473
24	Uttarakhand	1105	963	752	765	514	393
25	West Bengal	3037	2879	NR	2072	400	2737
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>137676</b>	<b>123841</b>	<b>113275</b>	<b>105463</b>	<b>90520</b>	<b>73391</b>

\*NR : Not Reported

(c) Till the time , EMRS was a component under Article 275(1), all matters regarding management of school, including recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff, were solely dealt by the respective State EMRS Society and the information was not maintained centrally. Later, a separate central sector scheme of EMRS carved out in 2018-19. During 2021-22, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance approved creation of 38,480 posts for teaching and non-teaching staff for all EMRSs across the country with the advise to make the recruitment to fill these posts in a phased manner from 2022-23 to 2026-27. Accordingly, NESTS initiated the centralized recruitment in the year 2023 for direct recruitment of 10391 posts through ESSE-2023 and staff selected were posted during 2024-2025. Accordingly, a total of 9075 posting orders including 7050 teaching posting orders have been issued.

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