

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- †4487
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 27/03/2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF EMRS IN DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open new Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) to provide quality education to tribal students in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the total funds sanctioned for the establishment of EMRS in the districts of Dadra and Nagar Haveli during the current year;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote tribal students in sports and provide a platform to enhance their capabilities; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target of establishing 728 EMRS across the country by 2025-26?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): In Union Budget of 2018-19, Government of India announced that to provide quality education to the tribal children in their own environment, Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) will be established in every block having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons (as per census 2011). Ministry of Tribal Affairs has approved one EMRS in Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. The said EMRS is functional from 2020-21. hence no funds have been sanctioned for establishment of EMRS during the current year.

(d): In order to encourage & promote sports activities in EMRSs, National Sports meet is organized. Participants are selected through State-level Sports Meets conducted in states where EMRSs are operational. Additionally, as part of the NTPC Dhanurvidya Project, archery centers are planned to be built in partnership with the Archery Association of India (AAI) to develop gifted archers and offer specialized instruction with an emphasis on getting them ready for the next Olympic Games. Further, Games facilities (indoor and outdoor) are provided in EMRSs and provision of archery range has also been made in all EMRSs being constructed under the new scheme.

(e): Ministry of Tribal Affairs has undertaken several key measures to achieve the target of establishing 728 EMRS across the country by 2025-26 by taking the following steps:

(1) Simplification of process by adopting the following measures by National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) , an autonomous body under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to manage the EMRSs:

- (i) The detailed structure covering all aspects of EMRS working have been laid down.
- (ii) Relaxation in provision of 15.00 acre land area for construction of EMRS.
- (iii) Approval process for Administrative approval, Expenditure sanction and DPR have been streamlined.
- (iv) Project wise Escrow Accounts have been opened to ensure that funds are not diverted and available for the designated project only.

(2) Regular Monitoring of progress at central level is done through NESTS and at the state level monitoring is done by the State Societies of State Tribal Departments. Further District Level Committee headed by the District Collector monitor the progress of EMRSs at district level. Additionally , Review meeting with construction agencies and coordination with state governments to expedite the progress and identify and allocate suitable land for construction of EMRS are held by NESTS and Ministry.

(3). Quality Monitoring:

- (i) National level workshop for Engineers engaged in construction of EMRSs work
- (ii) Engagement of reputed agencies i.e. CBRI Roorkee, IIT Roorkee for quality control of construction of EMRS.
