

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 5491
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 03/04/2025

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO NESTS

5491. SHRI RAO RAJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated to the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) for opening new Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) in the country during the last five years and the current year, year and State-wise;
- (b) the number of new EMRSS opened during the last five years and the current year in Rajasthan, district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish any EMRSs in the Jaipur Rural Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline fixed for the same and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has information on the staff engaged in NESTS and EMRSs for administration-related work and the funds devolved for the same and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to introduce any legislation to enhance oversight on various State societies that run such schools and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI. 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 onwards. Under this scheme, Ministry releases funds to National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization established 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:

Financial Year	Expenditure (in Crore)
2020-21	1199.95
2021-22	1057.74
2022-23	1999.98
2023-24	2447.61
2024-25	4,748.92

YEAR WISE STATEMENT OF FUND RELEASED TO STATES

						Rs. In Lakhs
S. No.	Name of the State/UT	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 (Till 21.03.2025)
1	Andhra Pradesh	6,199.12	14,591.28	12,600.57	10,795.05	23,277.28
2	Arunachal Pradesh (NE)	200.24	119.54	1,010.87	693.91	2,003.38
3	Assam (NE)	750.00	1,800.00	1,433.65	2,732.67	8,304.02
4	Bihar	10.00	-	-	8.95	34.12
5	Chhattisgarh	6,968.12	13,259.66	19,435.93	15,888.89	77,276.02
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	95.70	252.55	568.22	163.45	317.34
7	Gujarat	4,755.86	1,060.00	10,088.95	15,667.55	26,946.17
8	Himachal Pradesh	255.06	599.11	483.18	829.76	1,359.59
9	Jammu & Kashmir	-	392.40	1,200.00	891.40	778.27
10	Jharkhand	2,205.73	11,309.20	23,562.27	23,915.13	58,994.70
11	Karnataka	2,495.83	3,672.86	1,768.84	2,677.67	7,710.55
12	Kerala	-	229.56	1,515.66	249.00	1,137.74
13	Ladakh	-	10.00	450.00	800.00	17.41
14	Madhya Pradesh	14,459.36	3,560.00	31,817.79	13,157.19	34,495.09
15	Maharashtra	2,787.16	4,393.74	12,919.16	8,525.91	29,100.98
16	Manipur (NE)	1,268.00	398.08	2,369.98	3,044.92	2,351.85
17	Meghalaya (NE)	1,123.45	1,100.00	800.00	21,014.66	31,458.72
18	Mizoram (NE)	3,283.73	6,085.41	2,094.54	1,242.52	14,570.41
19	Nagaland (NE)	5,885.51	9,481.60	557.71	18,377.12	698.27
20	Odisha	6,174.27	10,648.82	28,164.31	48,934.80	61,275.75

21	Rajasthan	12,944.17	18,214.71	19,463.30	13,687.79	13,632.61
22	Sikkim (NE)	800.33	1,037.88	1,047.35	1,118.83	1,034.32
23	Tamil Nadu	1,225.14	1,190.62	1,098.78	1,099.80	1,738.95
24	Telangana	9,517.30	19,695.52	12,794.53	14,276.17	16,187.05
25	Tripura (NE)	6,064.89	5,715.44	6,435.19	6,670.35	8,965.95
26	Uttar Pradesh	386.68	337.49	596.23	624.14	1,327.63
27	Uttarakhand	321.28	598.39	474.95	1,537.53	2,945.43
28	West Bengal	2,062.45	-	2,303.67	1,869.70	1,789.50
	Total	92,239.38	1,29,753.86	1,97,055.63	2,30,494.86	4,29,729.07

For running and maintenance of EMRSs, NESTS releases Rs. 1,09,000/- per student per annum under GIA-General head. Further fund under GIA-CCA is released as per requirement on the basis of physical and financial progress of construction of schools.

(b): In Rajasthan, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, from the financial years 2019-20 to 2024-25, has approved 11 new Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and 13 EMRSs have been made functional including old schools.

(c and d): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has approved one Ekalavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in Jamwa Ramgarh block of Jaipur district under the Jaipur Rural Lok Sabha Constituency during the financial year 2016-17 under Article 275(1) of the Constitution. The State Government has proposed to make this school functional from the academic year 2025-26.

(e): As of March 28, 2025, the regular staff, including administrative personnel appointed in NESTS and EMRS, are as follows:

Particulars	No. of regular Staff
Regulars staff appointed in NESTS	19
Regulars staff at EMRS appointed by NESTS	7,564
Total	7,583

Details of salaries disbursed to regular staff, including administrative personnel appointed in NESTS and EMRS, during the financial year 2024-25 are as follows:

Particulars	Amount in Rs. (in Crore)
Salary disbursed to staff appointed in NESTS	3.80
Salary disbursed to EMRS staff appointed by NESTS	611.28
Total	615.08*

*Includes the salary provision of March 2025 also.

Additionally, NESTS releases Rs. 1,09,000/- per student per annum for recurring grant under GIA-General for running and maintenance of EMRSs.

(f): Presently, no such proposal is under consideration, The Union Government, through the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is committed to strengthening the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) to ensure quality education for tribal children across the country. Further NESTS is responsible to establish, endow, maintain, control and manage the EMRS schools across the country.
