GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2010 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025

LACK OF AMENITIES IN TRIBAL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

2010. Adv Gowaal Kagada Padavi:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the first-ever survey of residential schools for tribal children in five States conducted in 2025 which revealed significant infrastructure gaps such as only one toilet per 40 children, lack of libraries and sports facilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of tribal residential schools in Maharashtra especially in tribal backward districts that were part of this survey and the number of schools where corrective action has been Initiated;
- (c) whether any additional funds or schemes have been announced specifically for refurbishment infrastructure upgrade sanitation library sports facility improvement in tribal residential schools in districts such as Nandurbar and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the timeline by which the Government expects all flagged infrastructure gaps in tribal residential schools in Maharashtra to be addressed and when a public progress report will be made available?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DURGA DAS UIKEY)

- (a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not conducted survey of residential schools for tribal children in 2025. However, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has entrusted two such projects in the year 2024, pertaining to assessment and evaluation of tribal residential schools and hostels.
- (b) As per assessment report submitted by NABET, they have assessed 35 schools and 22 hostels in Palghar District, Maharashtra. In another survey, evaluation for 37 EMRS was also conducted.
- (c) & (d) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) scheme on 02nd October, 2024 comprising of 25 interventions implemented by 17-line Ministries. Under the interventions of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, State/ UT can send projects for construction of additional classrooms, furniture, major repairing works in ashram schools, toilet block etc.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs has released Rs. 999.11 lakhs to State Govt. of Maharashtra including Nandurbar District for additional classroom, toilet blocks and major repair works. Total fund released to Maharashtra for all activities is Rs. 22388.08 lakh. The scheme is mapped during the period 2024-25 to 2028-29. Under DAJGUA Scheme, there is no provision for library and sports.
