

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3290
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 12/03/2026

EMRS IN UTTAR DINAJPUR, WEST BENGAL

3290. SHRI KARTICK CHANDRA PAUL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the Scheduled Tribe (ST) population in Uttar Dinajpur district of West Bengal as per the latest Census and updated demographic records, block-wise;
- (b) whether the district meets the criteria prescribed for establishment of an Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in terms of concentration of Scheduled Tribe population;
- (c) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of West Bengal for setting up an EMRS in Uttar Dinajpur district and if so, the details and the status thereof;
- (d) the number of EMRS currently operational or sanctioned in West Bengal, district-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to sanction an EMRS in Uttar Dinajpur in view of its Scheduled Tribe population and educational needs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (c) & (e): As per census 2011, block wise population in Uttar Dinajpur district of West Bengal is given below:

S.No.	CD Block Name	Total Population	ST Population	Percentage
1	Chopra	284403	20043	7%
2	Itahar	303678	25334	8%
3	Karandighi	368332	28773	8%
4	Raiganj	430221	27785	6%
5	Hemtabad	142056	6491	5%
6	Islampur	308518	8032	3%
7	Goalpokhar – I	326120	12595	4%
8	Goalpokhar – II	291252	17647	6%
9	Kaliaganj	224142	12675	6%

As per the existing guidelines of EMRS Scheme, EMRSs are sanctioned in blocks having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons (as per the 2011 Census). None of the blocks in Uttar Dinajpur district meet the above twin criteria.

(d): 9 EMRSs have been sanctioned in West Bengal out of which 8 EMRSs are operational.
District wise status is given below:

S.No.	Name of District	Sanctioned	Operational
1	Bankura	1	1
2	Birbhum	1	1
3	Dakshin Dinajpur	1	1
4	Jalpaiguri	1	1
5	Jhargram	1	1
6	Kalimpong	1	1
7	Paschim Bardhaman	1	1
8	Purulia	2	1
	Grand Total	9	8
