

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4598
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2026

STATUS OF EMRSs

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether thirty per cent of the sanctioned Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) are presently not functional, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether, nearly seventy per cent of the total sanctioned teaching and non-teaching posts in EMRSs are vacant and if so, the details thereof, school-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) As on 15.03.2026, 723 EMRSs have been sanctioned, out of which, 499 EMRSs have been made functional by the State Governments. Remaining EMRSs are at various stages of construction and State Governments have been advised to make these schools functional in available Government or rented buildings. Delay in completion of EMRSs are largely due to non-availability of encumbrance-free land, lack of proper approach roads, topography challenges etc.

(b) 31 teaching posts and 21 non-teaching posts per EMRS have been sanctioned for EMRSs with classes up to XII having a full strength of 480 students. However, as on 15.03.2026, 499 EMRSs are functional with different level of functional classes. The number of posts filled in an EMRS depends upon number of sections, number of students and highest class functional.

NESTS carried out its first drive for direct recruitment of 10391 posts through ESSE-2023 and staff selected have been posted in various EMRSs. A total of 9111 teaching and non-teaching staff has been posted through ESSE-2023. Further, second phase of recruitment has been initiated for 7267 teaching and non-teaching posts under ESSE – 2025. In addition, State Governments are engaging guest teachers against vacancies, and non-teaching staff on outsourcing basis/local engagement, so that academic activities are not hampered.
