

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6428
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026
SCHEMES FOR TRIBAL STUDENTS

6428. SHRI T R BAALU:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union and State Governments are implementing any special schemes to ensure that students belonging to tribal communities secure admissions in institutions of higher learning such as IITs, IIMs and AIIMSs in view of their low representation therein;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of beneficiaries; and
- (c) the budget allocations and expenditure incurred by the Union Government under the above said schemes during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a and b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) Scheme with the objective of providing quality education to Scheduled Tribe (ST) children in their own socio-cultural environment. To improve the success rate of EMRS students in competitive examinations, various initiatives have been undertaken like bridge courses, remedial classes and academic mentoring. These are provided to support students with learning gaps and ensure smooth transition across grades. Career counselling sessions are conducted to provide clarity on higher education and career paths. Special coaching programs like NEET/JEE preparation in partnership with reputed institutions are provided to Class XI & XII students.

Under CSR, three Centres of Excellence (CoEs) have been established for IIT-JEE and NEET preparation which are at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Chintapalle in Andhra Pradesh, and Chankapur in Maharashtra. These centres offer structured offline coaching to meritorious students from the EMRS ecosystem.

In addition, the ENABLE program has been launched to provide online coaching support for IIT-JEE and NEET preparation to students enrolled in science stream in EMRSs across the country.

During 2024-25, 219 EMRS students qualified IIT-JEE (Main), 34 qualified IIT-JEE (Advanced), and 344 qualified the NEET examination, which indicates positive learning outcomes.

(c) The budget allocations and expenditure incurred under the EMRS scheme during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

S.No.	Financial Year	Funds Allocated	Actual Expenditure
1	2022-23	1,999.90	2,014.95
2	2023-24	2,471.81	2,446.24
3	2024-25	4,748.92	4,713.21
