

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 769
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2026

FUNCTIONING OF EMRSs

769. SHRI SASIKANTH SENTHIL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) sanctioned and the number presently functional out of them, State-wise;
- (b) the sanctioned and vacant posts of teaching and non-teaching staff in such schools, category-wise;
- (c) whether there is a shortfall in enrolment or infrastructure in such schools, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to make all sanctioned schools functional and to fill the vacancies therein?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) The State-wise status of sanctioned and functional Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) is as follows-

S.No.	State	Sanctioned EMRS	Functional EMRSs
1	Andhra Pradesh	28	28
2	Arunachal Pradesh	11	5
3	Assam	17	6
4	Bihar	3	2
5	Chhattisgarh	75	75
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1	1
7	Gujarat	47	44
8	Himachal Pradesh	4	4
9	Jammu & Kashmir	6	6
10	Jharkhand	91	51
11	Karnataka	12	12
12	Kerala	4	4
13	Ladakh	3	-
14	Madhya Pradesh	71	71
15	Maharashtra	39	37
16	Manipur	21	5
17	Meghalaya	38	2
18	Mizoram	17	11
19	Nagaland	22	3

20	Odisha	114	47
21	Rajasthan	31	31
22	Sikkim	4	4
23	Tamil Nadu	8	8
24	Telangana	23	23
25	Tripura	21	12
26	Uttar Pradesh	4	3
27	Uttarakhand	4	4
28	West Bengal	9	9
	Total	728	508

(b) to (d) - 31 teaching posts and 21 non-teaching posts per EMRS have been sanctioned with classes up to XII having a full strength of 480 students. 9111 teaching & non -teaching staff have already been recruited and examination has been conducted for another batch of 7267 teaching & non -teaching staff for EMRSs across the country. In addition, State Governments have also been advised to depute staff on deputation and contract basis to address the issue of vacancies so that academic activities are not hampered.

The enrolment in EMRSs has increased year by year with more schools made functional. As reported by the respective State/UT EMRS Societies, the number of students enrolled in EMRSs during the last five years is as under:

Academic year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Student Enrolment in EMRSs	105463	113275	123841	138336	156593

In order to bridge the infrastructure gap in EMRSs, several measures have been taken such as Standardised designs ensuring modern academic facilities, hostels, staff quarters, and sports infrastructure; additional grants for upgradation of old schools; regular monitoring through third-party inspections etc.

Further, National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) continuously follows up with the State Governments and the execution agencies to fast-track construction of EMRSs and to make them functional at the earliest. Besides, State Governments have also been advised to make the EMRS functional in alternative buildings, wherever feasible.
