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Title: Request the government to build Ekallavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) at Achampet to Benefit the students belonging to ST community.

**SHRI RAMULU POTHUGANTI (NAGARKURNOOL):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I represent Nagarkurnool Parliamentary Constituency in Telangana State which is in a very backward region. The population of ST community is predominantly high at more than three lakhs in Achampet. The literacy rate there is very low. While the Union Government and the State Governments have started a lot of schemes and welfare programmes for development of SC/ST communities, the fruits of most of those schemes are yet to reach the beneficiaries. It is learnt that a total of 226 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) are functioning across the country by the end of 2018. It is high time the Government established such an EMRS at Achampet which comes under my Parliamentary Constituency Nagarkurnool. Due to lack of sufficient schools, particularly Ekalavya Model Residential Schools, students belonging to ST community are facing a lot of hardships in getting quality education. I firmly believe that establishment of an Ekalavya Model Residential School at Achampet is the need of the hour. Keeping that in view, I would earnestly request the Union Government and the hon. Minister of Tribal Affairs to kindly accord approval for sanctioning of an Ekalavya Model Residential School at Achampet so that students belonging to ST community there get an opportunity to get quality education without putting any financial burden on their parents.

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** श्री कुलदीप राय शर्मा को श्री रमुलु पोथूगन्टी द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।