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Title: Regarding setting up of a Eklavya Model Residential School in Tapan Block, Balurghat

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR (BALURGHAT): Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) are model residential schools for Scheduled Tribes set up by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. EMRS were introduced to ensure that tribal students get access to quality education in the remote tribal areas. EMRSs are set up in States/UTs with grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India. In the budget 2018-19, Government had promised to open EMRS in every block with more than 50% ST population or at least 20,000 tribal persons, by the year 2022. In my Parliamentary constituency Balurghat, Tapan is the largest Scheduled Tribe populated Block of West Bengal state. Therefore, I demand from the Government to set up a Eklavya Model Residential School in Tapan Block, Balurghat at the earliest to provide affordable quality education to the ST population of my Parliamentary constituency so that the actual empowerment of marginalized scheduled tribes may happen.