

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 845**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 12/12/ 2022

**EMRS IN BLOCK LEVEL**

845. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government intends to go ahead with its plan to build new Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) on 15 acres of land in all sub-districts where scheduled tribe community is more than 25,000;
- (b) whether it is also true that as of the end of 2021-2022, a total of 232 sanctioned EMRS were yet to begin construction;
- (c) whether it is a fact that land not available inside the village or the block for the EMRS identified; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

**(a):** Government has decided to establish one Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons. There is target of setting up 740 schools by Financial year 2025-26 (288 under old scheme and 452 under new scheme). As per new scheme guidelines issued in 2019, minimum 15 acres of land has been prescribed for establishing of EMRS including school building, girls and boys hostels with warden residence, kitchen and dining, quarters for teaching and non-teaching staff, playground etc. While efforts are being made to ensure that the 15 acre stipulation for EMRS is adhered to, in the event of land constraints in any location, the requirement is being relaxed on case to case basis. Based on the topography and terrain specially in hilly areas, the school campus, hostel and administrative blocks may be located at different levels in close proximity instead of a compact unit.

**(b):** Out of 740 EMRS schools, as on date 689 EMRSs have been sanctioned (cumulative for old and new schemes), out of which 244 schools have their own building. In 227 schools construction is under progress and at 218 EMRS sites, pre-construction activities are under progress.

**(c) and (d):** Out of 452 schools to be constructed under new scheme, as on 06.12.2022, Ministry has sanctioned 401 EMRSs, out of which land suitability report in respect of 368 lands have been provided by the concerned State Government, which are free from all encumbrances. As reported by National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), 184 schools are under construction and in 184 sites, pre-construction activities are in progress. There are 51 locations where the states are yet to provide suitable land. Ministry is constantly following up with such states for expediting provision of land.

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