

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:235
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2011
ASHRAM SCHOOLS
Rao Shri Nama Nageswara

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Ashram schools set up for Adivasi children in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the number of Adivasi children enrolled in these Ashram Schools during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) the number of Ashram Schools proposed to be set up during the terminal year of the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of these schools; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the findings thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 235 FOR 11.3.2011

(a) & (b): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) Areas" is being implemented by Ministry under which grant-in-aid is provided to State Governments/UT Administrations for construction of Ashram School buildings only. The maintenance and running of such Ashram Schools is the responsibility of concerned State Government/UT Administration. The State-wise details of number of Ashram schools along with number of seats for which grant-in-aid released during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure.

(c): The scheme of "Establishment of Ashram Schools in TSP Area is a need-based and demand-driven, therefore, no State-wise allocation is made under this scheme. The grant-in-aid is considered on receipt of complete proposals from State Governments. The proposed budget allocation under the scheme for the year 2011-12 is Rs.75.00 crore.

(d) & (e): An evaluation study of "Ashram Schools" in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand was conducted by the "Indian Institute of Public Administration" during the year 2006-07. Based on the said evaluation, the scheme of "Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas" has been revised w.e.f. 1.4.2008.