

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATION TO TRIBALS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of programmes being run by the Government for promotion of education among the tribals in the country;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries therefrom, State-wise;
- (c) the educational institutes set up by the Government for tribals during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to start adult literacy campaign among tribals; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs supplements the efforts of Ministry of Human Resource Development through the implementation of the following schemes for promotion of education among the tribals in the country:

- (i) Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students
- (ii) Scheme of Construction of Hostels for ST Girls and Boys.
- (iii) Scheme of Establishment of Ashram School in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas.
- (iv) Upgradation of Merit of ST students
- (v) Scheme of Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribes (ST) Girls in Low Literacy Districts
- (vi) Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations (under which residential, non-residential schools Hostels run by NGOs for ST students are supported.)
- (vii) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for STs
- (viii) Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for STs
- (ix) Top Class Education for ST students;

Apart from above schemes, Ministry administers the programme of Grant under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India under which grant is also used for setting up "Eklavaya Model Residential Schools" (EMRS) for providing quality education to ST students (both girls and boys) from class VI to XII.

(b): The details of beneficiaries under these schemes during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure I to IV. The guidelines of EMRS provide that the sanctioned strength of the school will be 480 students.

(c): The details of EMRS sanctioned during the last three years and current year is at Annexure-V and the details of sanctioned Ashram Schools during the last three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11 and current year i.e. 2011-12 is at Annexure-VI.

(d) & (e): The Government has launched a new variant of National Literacy Mission, as 'Saakshar Bharat' on 8th September, 2009, with specific objective of improving adult literacy, especially among women, SCs and STs and other disadvantaged section in the country. The programme encompasses functional literacy, skill development, equivalency programme and life long learning opportunities through continuing education. The programme is presently sanctioned in 372 districts of the country including State/UTs with large tribal population like Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Manipur, Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Jharkhand and Odisha.