

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW EVALUATION STUDY OF ASHRAM SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any review/evaluation study about functioning of Ashram Schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;and
- (c) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT.RANEE NARAH)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) An evaluation study of `Ashram Schools` in Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand was conducted by the `Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)` during the year 2006-07. It was inter alia recommended that the number of Ashram school needs to be increased based on demand focusing on areas where children continue to be unenrolled, and quality of Ashram School must be ensured with required infrastructures. Other suggestions include ensuring access to institutions of higher learning including higher school and higher secondary level, proper sanitation facilities and provision of requisite support staff in the form of teacher/warden staying in school campus.

(c) The State Governments have been advised repeatedly to take necessary steps to address the issues raised in the evaluation study. The Scheme of `Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas` was revised w.e.f.I A2008 which addresses some of the concerns.