## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1197 ANSWERED ON:01.12.2014 RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FOR TRIBAL GIRLS Shekhawat Shri Gajendra Singh

## Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of residential schools being run in the North-East Region especially for educating tribal girls;
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to increase the number of such residential schools; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a), (b) & (c): This Ministry of Tribal Affairs, perse, does not run any school anywhere. However, it attempts to fill some critical gaps in the system by extending financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations and NGOs/Voluntary Organizations for constructing schools for tribal students and in some cases, to meet some of their expenditures in their day-to-day operations. The funding done by this Ministry is demand driven i.e. on the basis of the proposals received from the State Government / UT Administrations /NGOs/VOs.

Ministry has sanctioned funds for 68 residential schools in the North East Region. Of these 21 schools are exclusively for tribal girls. Besides, in-principle approval has been given for three more schools for which funds have not yet been released.