

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.

#### **Ekalavya Model Residential School**

2002. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of "Ekalavya Model Residential Schools" (EMRS) that have been started for Scheduled Tribes Students with effect from financial year 2002-03 to 2010-11 in the Sub-Plan-Areas/Scheduled Areas of the country; and
- (b) State-wise and year-wise figures of Model Schools started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEV KHANDELA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Employment opportunity for tribals**

†2003. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to provide employment opportunities to the tribals within the villages itself; and
- (b) the directions issued by Government to the State Governments to improve the quality of life of the tribal communities by making optimum utilisation of rural technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEV KHANDELA): (a) The Ministry implements a Central Sector Scheme called "Vocational Training in Tribal Areas" which is aimed at creating employment avenues and income generation opportunities by upgrading the skill of the tribal youths in various traditional/modern vocations depending upon their educational qualification, present economic trends and the market potential to enable them to gain suitable employment or self employment.

- (b) The Ministry emphasises from time to time that Vocational Training be given in trades which have got the employability.

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