

**Statement***List of functional EMRS*

Sl. No.	State	Number of Functional Eklavya Model Residential Schools
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2
3.	Chhattisgarh	25
4.	Gujarat	27
5.	Himachal Pradesh	1
6.	Jharkhand	7
7.	Karnataka	9
8.	Kerala	2
9.	Madhya Pradesh	29
10.	Maharashtra	16
11.	Manipur	3
12.	Mizoram	2
13.	Nagaland	3
14.	Odisha	13
15.	Rajasthan	15
16.	Sikkim	4
17.	Tamil Nadu	5
18.	Telangana	9
19.	Tripura	4
20.	Uttar Pradesh	2
21.	Uttarakhand	1
22.	West Bengal	7
TOTAL		190

**Recognition of foreign degrees**

4410. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking steps to recognize the one year Masters Degree obtained by Indian students abroad for eligibility to teach in UGC recognized universities and for other purposes;

- (b) if so, the details of progress made since 2014;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has assessed the impact of non-recognition of such degrees on students, particularly those receiving scholarships from Government to pursue Masters courses abroad; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) Government is aware of the matter regarding the demand for recognition of one year Masters Degree obtained abroad. As per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the Master's Degree through Formal Education) Regulations, 2003, duration of Master's Degree in India is specified as 2 years. One of the key criteria for granting equivalence to foreign degrees is that the minimum prescribed duration of the studies is at least the same as applicable in case of Indian Universities and therefore one year Master's degree is not recognized in India.

(b) A Committee, to look into problems of equivalence of qualifications at various stages of education system, was constituted in May, 2015. The Committee submitted its report in March, 2016. The committee contemplated that the students shall undergo Bridge courses at Indian universities for granting equivalence for their one Year Masters Degree obtained abroad. However, the Government is yet to take a decision on the report.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) and (e) An advisory to students has already been uploaded on the website of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) regarding the equivalence of degrees, to keep the students abreast of latest developments, including the issue of equivalence of degrees before they opt to study a course abroad. Also, studies abroad is a matter of individual will and choice based on variety of reasons such as affordability, access to bank loans, exposure to foreign societies, aptitude for particular branch of studies, inability to gain admission to top Indian Institutes due to capacity limitations etc.

#### **Stream related internships**

4411. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to organise stream related internships;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and