

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2539
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 22/03/2023

TIMELINE FOR ESTABLISHING EMDBS

2539 SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has devised a timeline for the establishment of Eklavya Model Day Boarding Schools (EMDBS);
- (b) whether the establishment of any EMDBS have been planned for the State of Odisha; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) to (c): Government had decided to set up Eklavya Model Day Boarding School (EMDBS), on an experimental basis, wherever density of ST population is higher in identified Sub-Districts/Blocks (90% or more as per 2011 census) for providing additional scope for ST students seeking to avail school education without residential facility. Accordingly, 12 blocks meeting the criteria, have been identified in different states for setting up of EMDBS. These will be set up based on demand of the state. Out of this, Ministry had sanctioned 03 EMDBSs in the State of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Tripura. All these 03 EMDBSs are functional as on date.

However, several requests were received from the concerned State Governments regarding less popularity of day boarding schools and recommending requirement of full-fledged residential schools in the tribal areas. Therefore, to impart quality education to tribal students in a better environment, Ministry has agreed to convert these 03 EMDBSs into Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS).

As on date, no proposal for establishment of EMDBS in Odisha has been received from the State Government of Odisha.
