

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1900
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 11/12/2024

TRAINING FOR TRIBAL STUDENTS

1900 SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK:
SHRI BRIJ LAL:

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the importance of providing tribal students with basic and advanced level training in order to upskill them; and
- (b) the number of students receiving basic and advance training, respectively?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI. DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) & (b): Providing basic and advanced level training to tribal students is crucial for empowering them and improving their communities. Basic training equips students with foundational knowledge and practical skill, while advanced training opens doors to specialized careers and entrepreneurship. This dual approach bridges educational gaps, promotes economic mobility, and enhances social integration. Ministry of Tribal Affairs, under the Central Sector Scheme: Tribal Research Information, Education, Communication and Events (TRI-ECE) has entrusted a project “Semiconductor Fabrication & Characterization Training for Students from Tribal Community” to Centre for Nano Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru in 2023-24. The project aims to deliver 2100 NSQF-certified level 6.0 & 6.5 training in Semiconductor Technology to tribal students over three years in collaboration with IISc. Under the project, there is provision of providing basic training to 1500 tribal students and advanced training to 600 tribal students. Presently, 111 trainees from have received training in the 1st Foundation Program and total 29 trainees for the 1st Advanced Program on Nano Science and Technology.

Additionally, National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous society under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, which is mandated with establishing and managing Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRSs), has signed an MoU with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, in March 2024, for setting up of 400 Skill labs in 200 EMRSs (2 Skill Lab per school). Also, NESTS in association with CBSE & World Bank has established 14 more skill labs in EMRSs to facilitate Skill training of tribal students studying in these EMRSs. NESTS has also collaborated with NITI Aayog and established Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) labs in 16 EMRSs. Students studying in these schools are enabled to have exposure in skill development.
