

Title: Regarding construction of Eklavya Model Residential School in Kalimpong, West Bengal

SHRI RAJU BISTA (DARJEELING): Darjeeling hill, Terai and Dooars is predominantly a mountainous tribal region. Our region is backward, and lacks basic facilities like health care, drinking water, rural infrastructure, education, economic and employment opportunities. Parents from our region cannot send their children to study in expensive private schools, but Government schools are suffering from crumbling infrastructure, lack of teachers, and other facilities. The Central Government is working hard to rectify this situation. The Central Government has sanctioned Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in Kalimpong at a cost of Rs 16 crore. Out of this, Rs 8. crore has already been released to the State Government as the 1st instalment of the funds for construction of the school during 2020-21. Till date, the school construction hasn't begun. I request the Union Minister for Tribal Affairs to kindly intervene and ensure early construction of the school.