

Need for establishment of Ekalavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in Palnadu district, Andhra Pradesh-Laid

SHRI LAVU SRIKRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET): I wish to draw the attention of the Government to an urgent issue concerning the tribal communities of Palnadu district in Andhra Pradesh. A total of 28 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) have been sanctioned across the state. However, not a single EMRS has been allotted to the Palnadu region. As per Census 2011, Andhra Pradesh has a Scheduled Tribe population of over 14.11 lakh, and the Palnadu region, particularly Gurazala, Narasaraopet, and Sattenapalli have a tribal population exceeding 30,000. Despite this significant demographic, the region lacks access to quality residential education infrastructure like EMRS. The absence of such institutions severely hampers the educational outcomes and upward mobility of tribal children, especially girls. It forces many families to send children long distances for school or drop out entirely. I urge the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to consider the genuine need of this underserved region and sanction an Ekalavya Model Residential School for Palnadu district at the earliest. This would go a long way in addressing regional disparities and promoting inclusive development in education.