

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3131
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2025

FUNCTIONING OF EMRS IN KERALA

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the present state of infrastructure in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) functioning in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details of deficiencies reported with respect to classrooms, hostels, sanitation facilities, ICT infrastructure and availability of trained teaching and non-teaching staff;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to expedite the completion of sanctioned EMRS projects in Wayanad, Palakkad, Idukki and other tribal-dominated districts in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether additional financial or technical support is proposed to upgrade existing EMRS facilities to meet national standards, including provisions for smart classrooms, digital learning tools, sports infrastructure and gender-sensitive hostel arrangements, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the timeline within which the Government proposes to bridge the infrastructure gaps and ensure full operationalisation of all sanctioned EMRS in Kerala?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a to e): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs regularly reviews the infrastructure status of all EMRS across India including the State of Kerala. Provision has been made for sanction of ₹5 crore for upgradation of EMRSs, to bridge Infrastructure gaps, if any, in EMRSs sanctioned under the Article 275 (1).

The Ministry has sanctioned 4 EMRSs under Article 275(1) in the State of Kerala. The construction of EMRS buildings has been completed in two districts, while construction is at different stages in remaining districts.

All EMRSs are provided with smart classrooms in a phased manner through ERNET. Accordingly, smart classes have been installed in EMRS Idukki and EMRS Pookode.

Further, NESTS carried out its first drive for direct recruitment of 10391 posts through EMRS Staff Selection Examination (ESSE)-2023 and staff selected have been posted in various EMRSs. The notification for recruitment of 7267 teaching and non-teaching posts through ESSE-2025 has also been issued. In addition to the direct recruitment, NESTS also has advised State Governments to engage staff on deputation and outsourcing basis so that academic activities are not hampered.
