

>Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for developing the infrastructure for 'Model Residential Schools' meant for the welfare of tribals.

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR (HANAMKONDA): The Government of India have sanctioned a few model residential schools for the tribals for the State of Andhra Pradesh under Ninth Five Year Plan. All these schools are functional and the construction of buildings is going on in full swing. It appears that Andhra Pradesh is the only State which has made all such schools functional within time, as per the scheme of the Government of India.

The entire cost of running and development of these schools is met from the State Government funds.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh are trying to mobilise their resources to develop infrastructure and buildings, gradually for these schools and, so far, they have provided buildings for 40 residential schools. There are still 18 schools left over where buildings have not yet been provided for and as such these are functioning in some rented accommodation, which is inadequate and insufficient.

I, therefore, request the Government of India to help the Andhra Pradesh Government and provide more assistance for development of infrastructure for the schools.