

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1683
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020

EDUCATION TO TRIBAL CHILDREN IN THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENT

1683. SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is committed to provide best quality education to tribal children in their own environment;
- (b) whether the Government has set a deadline of 2022 to start 700 more Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the total number of such schools sanctioned and the total number of those functional in the country, till date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

- (a) to (d) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been setting up Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) since 1998-99 for imparting quality education to tribal children in their own environment. An EMRS has the capacity of accommodating 480 students. As per the budget announcement 2018-19, every block having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 ST population is to have an Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) by 2022. Ministry has identified 462 such blocks across the country. As on 26.02.2020, a total number of 438 EMRSs have been sanctioned by the Ministry, out of which 285 are functional. As per existing guidelines, the total number of EMRSs being set up upto the year 2022 is 740.
