

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1168
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS IN MADHYA PRADESH

†1168. SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Government schemes being implemented to promote residential schools for the tribal students in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided in this regard during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a): Government has been implementing a number of interventions to promote residential schools for tribal students across the country including Madhya Pradesh improve the educational status of the tribals :

- (i) Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) are set up with capacity of 480 students per school with funding under the provisions of “Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution” to provide quality middle, Secondary and higher secondary education to ST students.
- (ii) Funds are provided under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) and Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution for various interventions relating to improvement of education including construction of new hostel buildings and/or extension of existing hostels, construction of primary, middle, secondary and senior secondary level of education etc.
- (iii) Under scheme of strengthening education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts, 100% assistance is given for running and maintenance of educational complexes for ST girls.
- (iv) Funds are provided for recurring expenses for Residential Schools and Non-Residential Schools to Voluntary Agencies under the Scheme ‘Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of the STs’.
- (v) Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) was running a separate scheme of “Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas” under which funds were provided to various State Governments including Madhya Pradesh for construction of Ashram Schools. Under the Scheme, 405 Ashram Schools have been sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh.

Apart from above, Government through Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing the Scheme ‘Samagra Shiksha Abhiya’ as an integrated scheme of school education wherein financial

assistance is provided to States/Union Territories for setting up residential schools/hostels. The scheme reaches out to girls and children belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), minority communities and transgender.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) were residential schools from upper primary to senior secondary level to ensure access and quality education to girls from disadvantaged groups in the age groups belonging to SC, ST, OBC, Minority communities and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. KGBVs provide for a minimum reservation of 75% seats for girls from SC/ST/OBC and minorities communities and 25% to girls from families that live below the poverty line. Under the Samagra Shiksha, provision has been made to upgrade KGBVs from Class 6 to 8 to upto Class 12.

Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) scheme envisages setting up of one Navodaya Vidyalaya in each district of the country. These residential schools impart good quality modern education to rural talented children irrespective of their socio-economic background including ST children.

(b): Financial assistance provided to Government of Madhya Pradesh for strengthening education of STs by Ministry of Tribal Affairs under various schemes / interventions during the last three years and current year is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Name of Scheme	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
1.	Grants under Article 275(1) and Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) including Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs)	(i) Funds for EMRSs	8008.88	5770.92	7007.28
		(ii) Funds for other educational interventions	0.00	13678.40	16201.25
2.	Scheme of Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy	143.57	420.04	325.20	
3.	Grants in aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of STs	18.55	61.58	32.46	
