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To,
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner
State Governments (as per list)

Subject: Minutes of the Review-cum-Consultation on Revamping of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) held on 17.01.2019- reg.

Sir/ Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of the Review-cum-Consultation on Revamping of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India, held on 17.01.2019, with various State Governments at Hyderabad, Telangana.

Yours faithfully,



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Minutes of the Review-cum-Consultation on Revamping of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) held on 17.01.19 at Hyderabad, Telangana

A Review-cum-Consultation on Revamping of EMRSs was held on 17.01.19 at Hyderabad, Telangana under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India. The following Officers from Ministry of Tribal Affairs were present:

1. Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs (Shri. Jual Oram)
2. Hon'ble Minister of State of Tribal Affairs (Shri. Sudarshan Bhagat)
3. Secretary (Shri. Deepak Khandekar)
4. Joint Secretary (Shri. Vinod Kumar Tiwari)
5. Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (Ms. Meera Ranjan Tshering)
6. Joint Secretary (Shri. A K Singh)
7. Deputy Director General (Shri. Biswajit Das)
8. Director (Shri. Gopal Sadhwani)
9. Director (Shri. Rajender Kumar)
10. Director (Sh. Anil Kumar Addepally)
11. Director (Ms. Nivedita)
12. Under Secretary (Shri Nadeem Ahmad)
13. Under Secretary (Shri P K Sahoo)
14. Under Secretary (Ms Reema Sharma)

State Government

As per the list attached at **Annexure**.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs in his opening remarks gave an overview of the recent approval of the Government to revamp and expand the EMRSs. He highlighted the following key changes:

- i. Construction cost of EMRS (with 480 students capacity) will be Rs. 20.00 Crore.
- ii. Cost of construction of EMRSs for North East, hilly areas, difficult areas and areas affected by Left Wing Extremism at 20% more than the normal cost.
- iii. Recurring cost will be Rs. 1,09,000/- per student per year from 2019-20.
- iv. Land for setting up EMRS or EMDBS or Centre of Excellence, shall be provided by the State/UT Government free of cost and free from all encumbrances.
- v. Upgradation of already sanctioned EMRSs on need basis with unit cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 crores per school.
- vi. Setting up Centre of Excellence for sports per district with all related infrastructure (buildings, equipment's etc.). This Centre of Excellence will have specialized state-of-the-art facilities for two identified sports (including one group sport and one individual sport) which will be common for a State.
- vii. Grants for maintenance to be admissible every five years enhanced from Rs 10 lakhs to Rs.20 Lakhs every five years.
- viii. Utilization of upto 10% seats by non-ST students. Priority shall be given to children of EMRSs staff, children who have lost their parents to Left wing extremism and insurgencies, children of widows, children of divyang parents etc.



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- ix. Reservation of 20% seats under sports quota for deserving ST students who have excelled in the field of sports.

Hon'ble Minister of State of Tribal Affairs in his address highlighted various issues in the sphere of education in tribal areas including shortage of teachers and higher dropouts. He also stressed on the fact that Sports, music are important aspects of personality development during education particularly schooling. The EMRSs have been working towards holistic development of the tribal students and have been successful in various spheres. With the current approval of the Government, EMRSs will go long way in delivering quality education in remote tribal areas.

Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs in his address reiterated the importance accorded by the Government in expanding the EMRSs. He stressed on the fact that the States need to come onboard at the earliest and in mutual partnership take this forward. Identification of land has to be done at the earliest so that sanctions can be accorded faster by MoTA. He advised that the EMRSs should be established within the boundary of the identified block preferably closer to the rural areas. Urban areas in the block could also be considered. States may also submit proposals for upgradation of the existing EMRSs, wherever required. He also congratulated the Government of Telangana for successfully hosting the 1st National EMRS Sports meet and requested the other State Governments to submit their willingness to host the next Sports and Music competition.

Summary of the Discussion with States:

1. Odisha

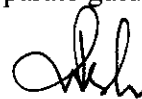
The State currently conducts district wise entrance tests for admitting students to different EMRSs in the particular district. However there has to be uniform guidelines with regard to recruitment of teachers. Such guidelines will help in ensuring uniformity in staffing pattern and recruitment.

2. Madhya Pradesh

All the schools in Madhya Pradesh will be on CBSE pattern. The State EMRS societies are required to be strengthened and empowered given the envisaged increase in the number of EMRSs. In the State, entitlements for the Students has been worked out and accordingly the recurring cost is utilized. There is a clear breakup of the recurring cost between salaries of the teaching/non-teaching staff and student entitlements (food, clothing, etc.)

3. Jharkhand

The State doesn't have a functional EMRS Society. However, steps are being taken to make the society functional and vibrant. They requested that a common guideline with regard to roles and responsibility of State Society be issued along with a separate guideline for recruitment of Staff.



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4. Maharashtra

The State has taken steps to sort out the issue of teachers through new recruitment. It was suggested that there is a need to establish an apex body as a National Federation of State EMRS Societies to ensure uniformity in procedures and standards across EMRSs.

5. Karnataka

There is a need to ensure uniformity in infrastructure standard of the schools.

6. Manipur

Ministry should prescribe norms for ensuring uniformity in functioning of the Schools. In response to the query raised regarding availability of land for new EMRSs it was clarified that the State Government should submit a prioritized list of all the 17 locations where it is proposed to establish an EMRS based on the availability of land.

7. Telangana

It was informed that the State Government through its Society has standardized the menu. A massive health setup including provisioning of nursing attendants/ANMs in the Schools, Health Command Centre has been established to take care of the health needs of the students. The same could be replicated by other States as well.

8. Rajasthan

It was informed that in order to encourage girl child education the State Government provides a non-gear bike to every girl student securing more than 65% in the 10th exams. On a query to allow rented buildings for immediate functioning of EMRSs while the building is being constructed, it was clarified that States can start the Schools from rented premises (preferably a government building) but should ensure minimum conditions congenial to the safety and security of the children.

9. Mizoram

Given the remoteness of the EMRS locations, it is becoming difficult to get quality teachers. The salary norm for teachers should be made uniform. In some places there are existing Tribal Sports Academy which may be converted into Centre of Excellence for Sports.

10. Tripura

It was informed that the State is facing difficulties in recruitment of teachers. However, with the increased recurring norm, the issue may get resolved.

11. Arunachal Pradesh

It was shared that the Ministry of Minority Affairs provides around Rs. 36 crores per school as construction grant. Therefore, the current norm of EMRSs may further be increased to match this.



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12. Andhra Pradesh

The State has a separate EMRS Society to manage the EMRSs in the States. With regard to a query raised on selecting the location of new proposed EMRS it was clarified that the schools can be established anywhere within the identified block and should usually not transgress the Block boundary. But, the EMRS would continue to belong and cater to the Block in question as a first priority.

13. Tamil Nadu

They complemented the Ministry for successfully organizing the National Level Sports Meet. Olympics should be the aim of every tribal sportsperson and such initiatives will go a long way in making this a reality. The proposed sports complex should be made open to all the tribal students of the district interested in sports

General Remarks:

- a. State Governments will share prioritize all the locations as intimated to them for establishment of EMRSs and share with the Ministry.
- b. An Autonomous Society under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs similar to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti shall be established to run the EMRSs. This Society will be responsible to establish, endow, maintain, control and manage EMRSs and to do all acts and things necessary for or conducive to tribal education. There will be Steering and Executive Committees to be notified subsequently as also the various academic framework and logistic parameters viz. recruitment of teachers, enhancement of facilities, on boarding of existing EMRSs, curriculum etc. Till the time this Society and other essential parameters are notified and are in place, the current setup of running the EMRSs as per the existing framework will continue. Construction of the newly approved Schools will also be done as per Government of India Rules including those from Central Government and State Government agencies. For newly sanctioned EMRS/EMDBS, the construction agency shall be appointed by the Central Government. However, on the specific request of the State/UT Government, the Central Government may allow exception in a particular case.
- c. The Centre of Excellence in Sports could be located in district having more EMRSs and students from other ST schools including Ashram Schools could make use of the facility.
- d. Quota for PVTGs during admission should be explored by States.
- e. All new Schools shall be based on CBSE curriculum. Wherever feasible, existing schools on State Board curriculum should migrate to CBSE.
- f. Ministry will explore vertical expansion of EMRSs with addition of +3-degree college at some locations.
- g. Proposals to be submitted by States expressing their willingness to host National Level Sports/Music competition.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.



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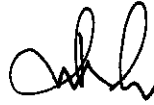
Annexure

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2.	Shri. M. Venkateswarlu	Deputy Secretary, APTWREIS, Government of Andhra Pradesh
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8.	Shri. Brajesh Kumar Das	Special Secretary, Welfare Department, Government of Jharkhand
9.	Shri. C.K. Singh	Joint Secretary, Welfare Department, Government of Jharkhand
10.	Shri. N.R. Purushothama	Deputy Director, Tribal Welfare, Government of Karnataka
11.	Shri. S. Lakshminarayana	Advisor (E&E) KREIS, Government of Karnataka
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