Ashram Schools For ST Students

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The scheme "Setting up of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) Areas" is demand drivenand implemented through the State Governments/UTs. As per extant provisions of the Scheme, State Governments are eligible for 100% central share for construction of all Girls' Ashram Schools and also for construction of Boys' Ashram Schools in naxal affected areas. The funding pattern for the other Boys' Ashram Schools is on 50:50 basis, while cent percent assistance is given to UTs for construction of both Girls' and Boys' Ashram Schools. The ashram schools are managed by the State concerned.

It has been proposed by the Government to discontinue the Scheme from 2018-19 and subsume the intervention in the scheme 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS)'. The proposition has already been recommended by the Expenditure Finance Committee.

Amount of funds allocated under the Scheme "Setting up of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) Areas" during last three years and current year are given below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Year	Allocation / Release of Funds
2014-15	4524.00
2015-16	300.00
2016-17	0.00
2017-18	1000.00
Total	5824.00

About 155 projects for construction of Ashram Schools in various States have been completed during the three years and current year period.

State wise number of Ashram Schools supported by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and State Government for construction:-

State/UT	Number of Ashram Schools			
	Ashram Schools supported by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)	Ashram/Tribal Schools supported by States/UTs	Total	
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	NIL			
Andhra Pradesh	180	136	316	
Arunachal Pradesh	Non TSP State/UT. Hence not covered under Scheme.			
Assam	3	0	3	

Bihar	NIL			
Chhattisgarh	157	1058	1215	
Daman & Diu	NIL			
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Non TSP State/UT. Hence not covered under Scheme.			
Goa	1	0	1	
Gujarat	164	0	164	
Himachal Pradesh	NIL			
Jammu & Kashmir	NIL			
Jharkhand	11	83	94	
Karnataka	28	5	33	
Kerala	11	0	11	
Lakshadweep	Non TSP State/UT. Hence not covered under Scheme.			
Madhya Pradesh	405	784	1189	
Maharashtra	95	463	558	
Manipur	NIL	5	5	
Meghalaya	Non TSP State/UT. Hence not covered under Scheme.			
Mizoram	Non TSP State/UT. Hence not covered under Scheme.			
Nagaland	Non TSP State/UT. Hence not covered under Scheme.			
Odisha	97	684	781	
Rajasthan	9	10	19	
Sikkim	1	0	1	
Tamil Nadu	NIL			
Tripura	24	29	53	
Uttar Pradesh	7	5	12	
Uttarakhand	12	10	22	
West Bengal	NIL			
Total	1205	3272	4477	

This Press Release is based on the information given by the Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on 18.12.2017 (Monday).

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