

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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KASTURBA GANDHI SWATANTRA VIDYALAYA SCHEME

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have planned to set up residential schools for girls in backward areas under the Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalaya Scheme;
- (b) if so, the number of residential schools for girls likely to be set up in various backward districts in the country, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) the amount earmarked for the said purpose during the last three years; and
- (d) the time by when these schools are likely to start working

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) to (d): The Government of India proposes to launch Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalaya (KGSV) Scheme for opening of 500-750 residential schools for girls belonging to Scheduled Castes, Schedule Tribes, Other Backward Classes and minorities, in (i) educationally backward blocks where rural female literacy is below the national average and the gender gap is above national average, (ii) districts where SC female literacy is below 20% and SC population is above 10% and (iii) districts where ST female literacy is below 10%. As per 1991 Census, there are about 2656 such blocks in 21 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal. The number of blocks are subject to change once the block-wise 2001 census data becomes available.

The total project outlay for the 10th Five Year Plan is Rs. 427.00 crores. The scheme is under finalization in Government of India.