

**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 has cleared the 'Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalaya Scheme';
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the scheme;
- (c) the number of such Vidyalayas proposed to be opened in the country during the 10th Five Year Plan;
- (d) the funds earmarked for the purpose, State-wise;
- (e) whether the above scheme guarantees eradication of the women illiteracy in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER t F STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (g): The Government of India has approved a new scheme called Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) for setting up upto 750 residential schools with boarding facilities at elementary level for girls belonging predominantly to the SC, ST, OBC and minority communities in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) where the female literacy is below the national average and the gender gap in literacy is more than the national average.

In view of the targeted nature of the scheme, minimum 75% of the enrolment in these residential schools shall be reserved for girls from SC, ST, OBC or minority communities and for the remaining 25%, priority would be accorded to girls from families below the poverty line,

A provision of Rs. 489 crore has been made for the Scheme during 10th Plan period. The financing pattern of the scheme will be in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States during the Tenth Five Year Plan,