

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

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ESTABLISHING COLLEGES OF EXCELLENCE

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

- (a) whether the Government is encouraging the States to establish colleges of excellence in all districts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the names of places identified for the purpose, location-wise;
- (c) whether only one third of the capital cost would be provided by the Centre to establish such colleges; and
- (d) if so, the assistance so far provided for the purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): In order to increase the Gross Enrolment. Ratio (GER) by five percentage points in the XI Five Year Plan, the Government has identified 374 educationally backward districts in the country, the list of which, state-wise, is given in ANNEXURE. The cost of setting up a new college is estimated at Rs. 8.00 crore. Under the proposed scheme, Central assistance to the extent of 1/3d of the capital cost (or Rs. 2.67crore) would be available subject to the balance 2/3rd capital cost being met by the State, either on its own or through the Public Private Partnership mode. The State concerned would also have to make available free land and meet the recurring cost of these colleges. In the XI Five Year Plan, a total amount of Rs. 782 crore has been allocated for this purpose.