

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF MODEL COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether the Government has cleared the proposal for setting up model colleges in 374 educationally backward districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the locations identified for opening of such colleges, State-wise;
- (c) the funding pattern between the Centre and the States and the modalities worked out in this regard;
- (d) the funds earmarked for the purpose during XI Five Year Plan; and
- (e) the time by which these colleges are likely to be made functional in the States?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Government has since approved the introduction of a new scheme to provide central assistance for setting up of a model degree college in each of the identified 374 educationally backward districts where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER. Under the Scheme, the Central Government shall provide assistance to the extent of one third of the capital cost for establishment of each college, limited to Rs.2.67 crore. For special category states, the Central share shall be 50% of the capital cost limited to Rs.4 crore for each college. During the remaining period of the 11th Five Year Plan, provision exists for establishing 200 model colleges in identified districts, with priority being given to special category states and districts having concentration of weaker sections and minorities as well as other districts in Schedule V and Schedule VI areas. Those colleges which have been established on or after 1st January, 2008 in identified districts shall also be eligible to be covered under this Scheme, subject to their satisfying the guidelines of University Grants Commission in respect of model colleges.

A list of the 374 identified higher educationally backward districts is at Annexure. An outlay of Rs.782 crores was made for the scheme in the XI Plan. The State Governments/ UT Administrations either directly or through State Universities are expected to take advantage of the scheme for establishment of new model degree colleges in the identified districts.