

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

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STANDARD OF EDUCATION IN BACKWARD AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of students in higher education has increased in backward areas as a result of special grants given by University Grants Commission (UGC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years; and
- (c) the schemes being implemented to uplift the standard of education in colleges in backward areas?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), UGC has not conducted any study to assess the impact of its schemes in terms of increase in number of students in backward areas.

(c): UGC provides general assistance for development of infrastructure and teaching learning resources to colleges located in educationally backward districts thereby giving the eligible population access to better opportunities in Higher Education. A scheme to establish model degree colleges in 374 identified educationally backward districts has been approved by Government recently.