

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

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EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to raise the standard education of women/girls in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total funds sanctioned/released for implementation of such schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the results achieved so far?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Education of girls especially those belonging to the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and minorities is one of the principle concerns in education. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides support inter-alia for free textbooks to Class VIII, organizes back to school camps for out of school girls, as well as bridge courses for older girls. In addition, the National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) and the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) reach out to girls from marginalized social groups in educationally backward blocks in the country.

The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) envisages several measures for girls education including inter-alia, appointment of female teachers and provision of separate toilets for girls. The scheme of girls hostel was launched in November, 2008 to facilitate girls to pursue secondary education. The scheme envisages setting up of hostels in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs). The State wise details of hostels sanctioned and funds released under the Girls' Hostel scheme are given in the table below:

S. No.	Name of the State (Rs. In lakhs)	No. of Hostels	Amount released
1.	Himachal Pradesh	5	95.62
2.	Madhya Pradesh	30	574.00
3.	Mizoram	1	19.12
4.	Punjab	21	402.00
5.	Rajasthan	27	516.00
6.	Tamilnadu	44	842.00
7	Arunachal Pradesh	5	95.62
8.	Chhattisgarh	74	1414.00
9.	Karnataka	62	1056.38
Total:	269	5014.74	

(c): A statement showing the total funds sanctioned outlays for implementation of NPEGEL and KGBV schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise is annexed.

(d): The enrolment of girls in schools has shown a steady increase over the years and progress has been made towards reducing the gender gap. At the national level the gender parity index is 0.98 at the primary level and 0.92 at the upper primary level, as per SES (2007-08).