

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

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SETTING UP OF PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES IN BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to set up professional colleges in all the backward districts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, location-wise; and
- (c) the other measures being adopted to provide higher and professional education to the youth of backward districts?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government is not contemplating to set-up professional colleges in all the backward districts of the country. However, the Government has 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 educational backward districts where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER. 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.

A new scheme has been approved to provide one time financial assistance to the State Governments for establishment of new polytechnics in unserved and underserved districts with the financial assistance of the Central Govt. to the tune of Rs.12.30 crores per polytechnic in 300 districts.