

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

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COLLEGES OF EXCELLENCE
Pal Shri Jagdambika

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage the States to establish colleges of excellence in the districts where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and the density of colleges in proportion to population is lower than the national average;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of districts identified so far in the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Union Government will provide only one third of the total cost of establishment of such colleges; and
- (d) if so, the amount of assistance granted during each of the last three years till date, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A proposal to launch a new centrally sponsored scheme to assist the State Governments for establishment of a model degree college in each of the 374 identified educationally backward districts with Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) lower than the national level including such districts in the State of Uttar Pradesh is under consideration of the Government. With the exception of educationally backward districts located in special category States, where the Central Government shall provide one half of the estimated capital cost of Rs. 8 crore for each college, the pattern of Central assistance in other districts is proposed to be one third of the estimated capital cost.