

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

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

(a) the steps taken by the Government to fully implement Balika Shiksha Abhiyan in Adivasi majority and rural areas under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(b) the targets fixed for covering the children of economically weaker families under the said Abhiyan?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) : The Department of School Education & Literacy is not implementing 'Balika Shiksha Abhiyan. However, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is being implemented throughout the country including in adivasi and rural areas for Universalisation of Elementary Education. Education of girls, especially those belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Minorities, is one of the principal concerns in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. With a view to ensuring focus on disadvantaged children, SSA provides for:

# Adequate infrastructure for elementary schooling in districts with concentration of SC, ST and Muslim minority population.

# Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) in remote sparsely populated regions, which are otherwise ineligible for schools.

# Free textbooks for SC and ST students.

# Provision of Rs. 15 lakhs per district for special innovation activities to support education of SC, ST children and girls.

# Preparation of material in tribal languages and bridge material to transit from home language to school language.

# Establishment of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in blocks with a concentration of SC, ST and Muslim minority population.