

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

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HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to establish higher educational institutions in Tamil Nadu where the cost of education in private institutions is higher;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any policy to maintain the cost of higher education at par with the Government Institutions like Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): 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 educationally backward districts (including 27 districts in Tamil Nadu) where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER. During the remaining period of 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. Those colleges which have been established on or after 1.1.2008 in identified districts shall also be eligible to be covered under this Scheme, subject to their satisfying the guidelines of University Grants Commission in respect of model degree colleges.
- (c): There is no such proposal at present.
- (d): Does not arise.