

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SC GIRLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Special Education Development Programme for Scheduled Caste Girls in the Country;
- (b) whether the Government propose to include Scheduled Tribe Girls in the programme; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) While most of the Schemes/Programmes of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, promoting education development, are general in nature aimed of benefiting all the sections of the society including SC Girls.However, some schemes have special or exclusive focus on education development of SCs/STs including girls are as under.

School Education

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Promotes diverse strategies, targeting SC/ST children. Some of the features of SSA are as follows :-

- i) Education Guarantee scheme in remote, sparsely populated region.
- ii) Back to school camps, bridge courses and other alternative schooling facilities.
- iii) Free-text book from class I to VIII
- iv) Provision of Rs. 15 lakhs to each district in special innovative activities to promote the education.
- v) Special coaching/remedial class for improving learning out-comes of the children.
- vi) Statutory representation in Village Education Committee.
- vii) Recruitment of local tribal teachers.

Higher Education

- i) Relaxation in the minimum qualifying marks for admission.
- ii) Creation of equal opportunity Cell for SC/ST and financial assistance of Rs. 3.00 lakh per University for it.
- iii) Remedial coaching at UG/PG level.
- iv) Coaching classes for preparation for National Eligibility Test (NET).
- v) Post Graduate scholarship.
- vi) Exemption of tuition fees for students of B.Tech., M.Tech., M.Sc., M.S. and Ph.D. programmes.

(c) Does not arise.