

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4130

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CENTRALLY SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

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

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to treat the Kalahandi, Balangir and Korapur (KBK) region at par with development of North-Eastern Region and extend all the facilities under centrally sponsored educational programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the funds sanctioned for KBK region under such education programmes during the current year, programme-wise; and

(d) the centrally sponsored educational programmes likely to be launched during the current year and next two years?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Hon'ble Chief Minister, Orissa has requested for special funding for the Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) Region. However, the category for funding comprise the North Eastern States, the Special Category States and other States. The KBK region does not fall in the category of North Eastern Region or Special Category States, and there is no proposal to treat them on par with these States.

(c): During the year 2009-10, an amount of Rupees Two Crore have been released each to Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput Districts of Orissa for establishment of new polytechnics under the scheme of sub-mission on polytechnics. Further, in the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2010-11 for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a total outlay of Rs. 483.58 crores has been approved for eight districts of KBK Region in Orissa.

(d): There is no proposal to launch any new centrally sponsored educational programme at present.