

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

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to open boarding schools for boys on the lines of Kasturba Gandhi Girls' boarding school;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There is no proposal in the Department of School Education & Literacy to open boarding schools for boys on the lines of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) which cater to girls at upper primary level belonging to SC, ST, OBC and Minority Communities in educationally backward blocks in the country. The enrollment and retention level of boys in the elementary education system is relatively better than that of girls. KGBVs, as girls only facilities are set up in accordance with the principles of 'affirmative action' towards girls from marginalized sections.