

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

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EDUCATION IN HILLY AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the progress for the education in the hilly areas during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total expenditure incurred in these areas by the Union Government during the said period and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up higher educational institutions i.e. technical and management institutes in these areas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): 'Education' is a subject on the Concurrent List of the Constitution; it is the shared responsibility of both the Central and the State Governments and the concerned States are responsible for meeting the challenge of building a more inclusive educational system within the jurisdiction of their State.

The National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) provides that suitable incentives will be provided to all educationally backward sections of society, particularly in the rural areas, hill and desert districts, remote and inaccessible areas and islands will be provided adequate institutional infrastructure. Pursuant to this, a large number of schemes/programmes are being implemented, which predominantly address the educational needs of rural and hilly areas including technical education.

Model Degree Colleges are being established one each in 374 educationally backward districts. These colleges will predominantly serve rural areas and districts with concentration of population of SC/ST/Minorities. No separate statement of expenditure is being maintained for educational development in hilly areas.