

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HIGHER EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the working of higher educational institutions in the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has felt the need to open more higher educational institutions in educationally backward districts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The action plan formulated by the Government in this regard for the Twelfth Five Year Plan period alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Government has introduced a new scheme to provide central assistance for setting up of a model degree college in each of the identified 374 educationally backward district where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER. Under the Scheme, the Central Government shall provide assistance to the extent of one third of the capital cost for establishment of each college, limited to Rs.2.67 crore. For special category states (i.e, all North-Eastern States Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Assam, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand), the central share shall be 50% of the capital cost limited to Rs. 4 crore for each college. During the remaining period of the 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 1st January, 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 colleges.

A list of the 374 identified higher educationally backward districts is at Annexure. The State Governments/UT Administrations either directly or through State Universities are expected to take advantage of the scheme for establishment of new model degree colleges in the identified districts.

(e) Twelfth Five Year Plan has not been formulated.