GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:325 ANSWERED ON:23.02.2011 SETTING UP OF NEW DEGREE COLLEGES Majhi Shri Pradeep Kumar;Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set-up new degree colleges of excellence in the 374 identified educationally backward districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, location-wise;
- (c) the number of requests received from the State Government for setting up of such colleges in their State;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government on these requests alongwith the present status thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has made any allocation for the said purpose during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (f) if so, the details of the funds so far allocated and utilized under the said scheme, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Information on 374 identified Educationally Backward Districts for Higher Education is given at Annexure-I.
- (c) and (d): 72 Proposals have been received from various States out of which 14 proposals have been approved. 26 proposals are at various stages of scrutiny.32 proposals have not been found fit to receive central assistance under the Scheme.
- (e) and (f): An amount of Rs. 110 Crore has been provided the budget of University Grants Commission for the current year i.e. 2010-2011 for release to the States as per the Scheme whose proposals for setting up of model colleges are approved. The amount released under the Scheme for the purpose is given in Annexure-II.