

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

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SETTING UP OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the higher educational institutions proposed to be set up in the State of Punjab;
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to maintain the higher education affordable to the poor students;and
- (c) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a): Under the Scheme of setting up of Model Degree Colleges in the identified 374 educationally backward districts having Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education less than the national GER, 13 model degree colleges are to be set up by the State Government with eligible Central assistance in the State of Punjab in the identified higher educationally backward districts. These Districts are Amritsar, Bhatinda, Faridkot, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Kapurthala, Mansa, Moga, Muktsar, Nawanshahar, Patiala and Sangrur.

(b) and (c): A new Central Scheme to provide full interest subsidy during the moratorium on educational loans for students belonging to economically weaker sections (with parental family income from all sources of less than Rs.4.5 lakh annually) from scheduled banks under the Educational Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) has been launched by the Government for pursuing courses of studies in technical educational and professional streams from recognized institutions in India. The Scheme is applicable from the academic year 2009-10. Canara Bank is the nodal bank for implementation of this Scheme.