

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

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SETTING UP OF COLLEGES UNIVERSITIES

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

- (a) whether the number of colleges and universities in the country, especially in Delhi, is not in proportion to the increasing number of students, as a result of which many students are being deprived of pursuing higher education;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to set up more new universities and colleges in the country including Delhi in view of the increasing number of students;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) the number of the proposals received from the various State Governments including Bihar for setting up of higher educational institutions, State-wise;
- (f) the action taken in this regard and the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved; and
- (g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to allocate/ increase funds for setting up of colleges/universities in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): During 2008-09, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education in the country was 13.8 % which is low compared to the international average. The Eleventh Five Year Plan document aimed at increasing the GER to 21% by the end of the Twelfth Plan with an interim target of 15% by 2011-12.
- (c) & (d): During the Xlth Plan period, the Government has established 16 new Central Universities under the Central Universities Act, 2009. A scheme under implementation by UGC provides central financial assistance for establishment of a Model Degree College in each of the identified 374 Educationally Backward District (EBD) where GER for higher education is less than the national GER. State-wise EBDs where these colleges are to be set up is at Annexure- I.
- (e): The position of proposal received from State Government for establishment of New Model Degree colleges including Bihar is given at Annexure -II.
- (f) & (g): Till date, out of the 125 proposals received by UGC, 48 have been approved. 33 proposals were not found fit for approval. Remaining 44 proposals were found deficient in relevant information which have been communicated to the concerned States.