

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

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WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to initiate/implement National Action Plan for ensuring more participation of women in the field of education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be finalized?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, as modified in 1992 provides "Education will be used as an agent of basic change in the status of women. The removal of women's illiteracy and obstacles inhibiting their access to, and retention in, elementary education will receive overriding priority through provision of special support services and effective monitoring. Major emphasis will also be laid on women's participation in vocational, technical and professional education at different levels". In pursuance of the policy framework envisaged in the NPE, there are several programmes/schemes being implemented by the Government, for the education and empowerment for women/girls viz. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya residential school for girls, Incentives to girls for secondary education, Mahila Samakhya Programme, Construction of Women's/Girl's Hostels in Polytechnics, National Programme for education of girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL), Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for college and university students, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), Scheme for construction and running of girls hostels for students of secondary and higher education.

University Grants Commission (UGC) also implements various schemes for educational empowerment of women viz. Indira Gandhi Scholarships for single girl child for pursuing higher and technical education, Construction of Women's Hostels, Women's Study Centres in universities for gender studies and policies in respect of empowerment of women and their role in society, Day Care Centres for children of University employees/faculty and married students, Schemes for creating exclusive infrastructure facilities like common room, toilets etc. for women, Capacity Building for women managers in Higher Education and Part-time Research Fellowships for women etc. The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been making efforts to reach out to the women learners specially in remote and rural areas by setting up new schools, School of Gender and development studies aimed at achieving gender parity and equity through these programmes. In Kendriya Vidyalayas, no tuition fees is charged from girls students. Single girl child in Kendriya Vidyalayas is exempted from the payment of all fees with effect from 01.01.2006. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have 33% reservation of seats for girl students.