

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:336  
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2009  
MODEL SCHOOLS  
Kumar Shri Shailendra

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to open six thousand new quality model schools in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) the time likely to be taken to open such schools in backward blocks of the backward States;
- (c) whether these schools will be co-educational; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 336 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27.07.2009 REGARDING "MODEL SCHOOLS" ASKED BY SHRI SHAILENDRA KUMAR

(a) to (d) The Government has decided to set up 6,000 Model Schools at the Block level, at the rate of one school per block as benchmarks of excellence. The first phase of the programme to establish 2,500 schools in educationally backward blocks was launched in November, 2008. The sharing pattern for these schools to be run by the State Governments is 75:25 between the Central Government and the State Government concerned. These schools are envisaged as co-educational schools having classes from VI to XII. As on date, proposals have been received from 15 States. There is a budget provision of Rs. 350 crore during 2009-2010 for this scheme.