

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:310

ANSWERED ON:24.08.2011

MODEL DEGREE COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether the modalities for setting up of model degree colleges in the country have been finalised;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any financial assistance has been provided by the Union Government for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned and released during the last one year and the current year; and
- (e) the manner in which these colleges are expected to improve the facilities and standards in the educationally backward districts of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 310 FOR 24.08.2011 ASKED BY SHRI BALKRISHNA K. SHUKLA AND DR. KRUPARANI KILLI, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING MODEL DEGREE COLLEGES

(a) and (b) The Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to set up one Model Degree College in each of the 374 identified higher educationally backward districts of the country where the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is lower than the national average. The capital cost for each college can be up to Rs. 8 crores, which is to be shared between centre and states in the ratio of 1:2. For Special Category States, the ratio is 1:1. The cost of land and recurring cost has to be borne by the State Govt.

(c) and (d) In 2010-11, Rs. 19.95 crores and in 2011-12, Rs. 17.29 crores have been released.

(e) Essentially, the scheme is meant to incentivize the State Governments to set up colleges in educationally under-served districts in order to enhance access to higher education. These colleges are expected to achieve expansion in higher education with inclusion, equity and quality and thereby also increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio.