

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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KASTURBA GANDHI BAL VIKAS YOJANA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Kasturba Gandhi Bal Vikas Yojana;
- (b) whether this is being implemented in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, and
- (c) if so, the budgetary allocations made for the implementation of this scheme?

Answer

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

(a): Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) is a distinct component under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for setting up residential schools for girls at upper primary level. The scheme is being implemented in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) of the country where the female rural literacy is below the national average as per Census 2001. The scheme provides for minimum reservation of 75% of the seats for girls belonging to SC, ST, OBC or minority communities; priority for the remaining 25% is accorded to girls from families below poverty line. No scheme by the name of Kasturba Gandhi Bal Vikas Yojna is being implemented by the Department.

(b)&(c): The scheme is not being implemented in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, as no block in the Union Territory falls under the EBB category, and therefore no budgetary allocations are made under KGBVs for Lakshadweep.