

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:29  
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2012  
DEVELOPMENT OF TALENTS  
Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram

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

- (a) the details of the scheme being implemented by the Government to develop hidden talents of the poor students at school and college levels in the country particularly in the rural areas;
- (b) whether any schemes/projects have been launched for setting up of model degree colleges in the educationally backward districts for improving education;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the funds earmarked for the purpose; and
- (e) the other steps being contemplated to improve infrastructure/quality of education in the backward regions?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY 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. 29 ASKED BY SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF HIDDEN TALENTS OF THE POOR STUDENTS, MODEL DEGREE COLLEGES IN THE EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS AND STEPS BEING CONTEMPLATED TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE/QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN THE BACKWARD REGIONS, DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14.03.2012.

(a) The National Talent Scholarship Scheme (NTS), for identification of talented students and awarding them with scholarships, is implemented by Ministry of Human Resource Development. Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) and Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) Programme are implemented by Department of Science and Technology. KVPY aims to encourage students of Basic Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to take up research careers in these areas. The basic objective of INSPIRE is to communicate to the youth of the country the excitement of creative pursuit of science and attract talent to the study of science at an early stage.

(b) to (d) A centrally sponsored scheme for establishment of a model degree college in each of the identified 374 educationally backward districts having Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) lower than the national average has been launched in February, 2010. Under the scheme the Central Government shall provide assistance to the extent of one-third (1/3rd) of the capital cost for establishment of each college, limited to Rs.2.67 crore. For Special Category States ((i.e. all North-Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand), the Central share shall be 50% of the capital cost limited to Rs. 4.00 Crore for each college. Land shall be provided free of cost by the State Governments. The University Grants Commission (UGC) disburses grants from its budget to State Universities for projects relating to setting up of Model Degree Colleges in the identified 374 Educationally Backward Districts. According to University Grants Commission, in 2010-11, Rs.19.95 crores and in 2011-12, Rs.17.29 crores have been released. State-wise statement is enclosed.

(e) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 has been operative with effect from 01.04.2010. The Act provides that every child in 6 -14 age group shall have the right to free and compulsory education. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has been revised to correspond to the provisions of the RTE Act, 2009 in terms of provision of additional teachers, classrooms and facilities in schools as quality interventions including in the backward regions. The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) provides for opening of new secondary schools and Interventions such as construction of school building, additional classrooms, laboratories, toilets etc. including in backward regions. The Girl's Hostel Scheme envisages the establishment of a hostel for secondary school girls in each of about 3500 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs). Further, under the Model School Scheme, State/UT Governments are provided support to set up a Model School in each EBB.

Performance of States in regard to implementation of the centrally sponsored scheme for establishment of one model degree college in each of the identified 374 educationally backward districts having lower GER than National GER. (Month ending 31.01.2012)

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1. Andhra 11 7 5 - #2 Placed before Expert  
Pradesh Committee on 23.9.2011  
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2. Arunachal 11 6 6 - - Approval has been  
Pradesh conveyed
3. Assam 12 12 12 - - Approval has been  
conveyed
4. Bihar 25 1 - - 1 Date of establishment  
is before 1.1.2008
5. Chattisgarh 15 5 - 5 - Documents called for
6. Goa - - - - -
7. Gujarat 20 20 19 - #1 Grant has been  
released  
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covered under Section  
12B of UGC Act
8. Haryana 7 10 - 1 9 Date of establishment  
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9. Himachal 4 4 - - 4 Date of establishment  
Pradesh is before 1.1.2008
10. Jammu & 11 - - - -  
Kashmir
11. Jharkhand 12 - - - -

12. Karnataka 20 20 6 3 #11 Documents called for.  
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13. Kerala 4 4 3 1 - Documents called for.

14 Madhya 39 - - - -  
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15 Maharashtra 7 7 7 - - Grant has been released

16 Manipur - - - - -

17 Meghalaya 5 - - - -

18 Mizoram 7 - - - -

19 Nagaland 1 - - - -

20 Orissa 18 8 - 8 - Documents called for

21 Punjab 13 13 11 - 2 Date of establishment  
is before 1.1.2008

22 Rajasthan 30 1 - 1 - Documents called for

23 Sikkim 4 2 - 2 - Documents called for

24 Tamil Nadu 27 7 3 #1 ##3 #Documents called for  
##Affiliating university  
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Section 12 B of UGC  
Act/not in EBD

25 Tripura 4 4 - 4 - Documents called for

26 Uttar 41 6 5 1 - Documents called for  
Pradesh

27 Uttaranchal 2 - - - -

28 West Bengal 17 3 - 3 - Documents called for

29 Andaman & 2 - - - -  
Nicobar

30 Chandigarh - - - - -

31 Dadra & 1 1 1 - - Approval has been  
Nagar conveyed  
Haveli

32 Daman & Diu 2 - - - -

33 Delhi - - - - -

34 Lakshadweep 1 1 - 1 - Documents called for

35 Pudducherry 1 - - - -

Total 374 142 78 31 33