

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:333

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PROMOTION OF EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to raise the education of women/girls in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total funds sanctioned/released for implementation of such schemes during the last three years, State-wise;and
- (d) the results achieved thus far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY 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 PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 333 FOR 27.07.2009 REGARDING PROMOTION OF EDUCATION FOR WOMEN ASKED BY HON'BLE MPs SHRI NARAHARI MAHATO AND SHRI PRASANTA KUMAR MAJUMDAR.

(a)&(b): 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 woman. 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 schools for girls, Incentives to girls for secondary education, Manila Samakhya Programme, Construction of Women's/Girls' 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. AICTE also has a scheme to encourage tuition fee waiver for girl students by incentivising the technical institutions by way of sanctioning them additional intake capacity upto 10% if they provide tuition fees waiver to atleast 10% of students belonging to girls, economically weaker sections and physically challenged categories in the ratio of 2:3:1. Norms have been relaxed by AICTE for establishment of new Technical Institutions exclusively for women. The Indira Gandhi National 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.

(c): While most of the schemes of the Ministry, are general in nature aimed at benefiting all the sections of the society including the girls, women and other disadvantaged sections of the society, however some schemes have special or exclusive focus on girls/women education. While in many of the schemes, it is not possible to give State-wise allocation or break-up of expenditure, the details of funds (State-wise) released for implementation of some schemes exclusively for women/girls are annexed,

(d): The positive impact of above schemes has resulted in increased enrolment of girls, decrease in drop out rates of girls, improved learning achievement level of girls/women and the overall reduction in gender gaps.