

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

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KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDYALAYAS  
Rani Killi Krupa

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

- (a) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) functioning in the country and the number of students studying therein, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the norms/criteria for opening of KGBVs in the country;
- (c) the number of proposals received/sanctioned for opening of KGBVs during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the number of such Vidyalayas likely to be opened in the near future;
- (d) the details of funds allocated for the said scheme during the above said period, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether any assessment had been made on the functioning of these Vidyalayas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The number of proposals received/sanctioned for opening of new Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), the number of KGBVs functioning in the country and the number of students studying therein and the details of funds allocated for the scheme during the last 3 years and current year State/UT-wise is at Annexure-I.

KGBVs can be opened in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) with rural female literacy below the national average as per Census 2001.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. Two studies have been conducted at the National level on the KGBVs scheme. A National Evaluation of the KGBV scheme was undertaken between 29th January to 20th February 2007 in the 12 states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Orissa, with 12 independent experts in girls education. Another National Evaluation of KGBV scheme was also undertaken between 19th November to 14th December, 2007 in the states of Assam, Manipur, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Mizoram, Tripura and Dadar & Nagar Haveli. The evaluations revealed that the scheme has received high priority and is well received by the community. All the State Governments have paid special attention to the security and safety of the students. In most KGBVs the local community seems to be playing an active positive role. The teachers and all those involved in the management of the KGBVs showed high levels of commitment. However, there was a need to impart training to sensitize functionaries in all the states on gender issues. Greater effort is required to reach out to girls from minority communities and other extremely disadvantaged social groups.