

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

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MODEL DEGREE COLLEGES UNDER PURA

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

- (a) the progress made in setting up of model degree colleges in the educationally backward districts under the Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) scheme, State-wise;
- (b) whether the required land for this purpose has been identified in the country including Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds sanctioned for such colleges during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the details of the faculties/staff recruited in these colleges and the further requirement in the coming years;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to link all such colleges through high speed data communication network to encourage knowledge specialized resources and collaborative research and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which these colleges are likely to be made functional?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (f): There is no proposal to set up Model Degree Colleges under the Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) Scheme. However, during the XI Plan, a Scheme to set up Model Degree Colleges in the identify 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) having Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) less than National GER was launched and according to University Grants Commission (UGC), 153 proposals have been received and out of which 83 have been approved. So far approximately 50 Colleges have become functional.