

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

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

- (a) the major initiatives that his Ministry has taken so far in cooperation with international organizations like UNESCO in the field of women empowerment and in helping persons with disabilities especially in backward States like Gujarat;
- (b) the criteria for such initiatives that are being implemented in various States; and
- (c) the number of people so far benefited by such initiatives in the country, State-wise during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) International organizations of United Nations System like UNESCO and UNICEF do not fund any major initiatives of this Ministry in the field of women empowerment and in helping persons with disabilities. However, these UN organizations do provide technical assistance and international comparative experience in the field of education.