

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

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CRITERIA FOR SETTING UP OF KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDYALAYAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently revised the criteria of eligible blocks for setting up of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas sanctioned and set up after such revision in various States and during 2008-09 and 2009-10; and
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose during 2008-09 and 2009-10 to various States?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : The Government has revised the criteria of eligible blocks with effect from 1st April, 2008 for setting up of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) to include educationally backward blocks with female rural literacy below 30%; and towns / cities having minority concentration with female literacy rate below the national average (53.67%: Census 2001).

(c) & (d) : 393 KGBVs have been sanctioned after such revision in various States upto 2009-10, out of which 383 have been operationalised. Funds amounting to Rs. 1226.79 crore in 2008-09 and Rs. 959.95 crore in 2009-10 have been allocated for running all KGBVs in various States.