

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

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EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified educationally backward districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any scheme is being formulated by the Government for the said educationally backward districts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount earmarked/allocated for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has identified 374 higher educationally backward districts (HEBDs), where the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education is less than the national GER. A Statement indicating the State-wise list of HEBDs is at Annexure-I

(c) to (e): A proposal is under consideration of the Government, to launch a new Scheme to assist States for establishment of a model degree college in each of the above- mentioned educationally backward districts. An amount of Rs.782 crore has been earmarked as the Central Government share in the XI Plan. 200 colleges are proposed to be set up during the remaining period of the XI Plan. State-wise allocation is not made under the Scheme.