

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

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MODEL DEGREE COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved a new scheme for central assistance to establish a model degree college in every identified educationally backward districts in the country including Maharashtra and Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise; and
- (c) the time by which these colleges are likely to be made functional along with the funds likely to be utilised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme to establish one Model Degree College in each of the identified 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) of the country was launched in 2010. A State-wise list of EBDs is enclosed at Annexure. Under the Scheme, the share of capital expenditure between the Central and State Governments is in the ratio of 1:2, limited to Rs. 2.67 crore central share for the establishment of each college. For Special Category States, the ratio is 1:1, limited to central share of Rs. 4 crore for each college. Land is provided free of cost by the State Governments. The balance amount of the capital cost, and the recurring cost of running these new colleges is to be met by the concerned State Governments. The total capital cost for each college is between Rs.4 to Rs.8 crores. Colleges established on or after 1st January, 2008 in the EBDs are also eligible to be covered under the Scheme. A clear Memorandum of Understanding is signed with each State Government before release of funds.

(c): As per information made available by University Grants Commission (UGC), 153 proposals have been received, of which, 86 have been approved and 33 have been rejected on grounds of ineligibility. So far, 50 Model Degree Colleges have become functional and the UGC has released Rs. 52.06 crores.