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LOK SABHA**

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KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDYALAYAS

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

- (a) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) functioning in the country and the number of students studying therein, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the norms/criteria for opening of KGBVs in the country;
- (c) the enrolment ratio of SC, ST, OBC, Muslims and BPL girls in the scheme, State-wise;
- (d) whether ratio of minority girl students is very low in these vidyalayas;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the steps taken to increase the enrolment of girls;
- (g) the number of proposals received/sanctioned for opening of KGBVs during each of the last three years and the current year along with the number of such Vidyalayas likely to be opened in the near future; and
- (h) the details of funds allocated for the said scheme during the above said period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (h): The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) are sanctioned in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) with rural female literacy below the national average as per Census 2001, provided such residential schools are set up only in those EBBs which do not have a residential school at upper primary level for girls under any other scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment or the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The number of

KGBVs functioning in the country and the number of girls studying therein, State/ UT-wise is at Annexure-I. The percentage enrolment of SC, ST, OBC, Muslims and BPL girls in the scheme, State-wise is at columns 5-9 of Annexure-I. As on 30-09-2012, 9.18% of the girls enrolled in KGBVs are from the minority community. Socio-economic reasons and reluctance of the community to send girls to residential schools are the main reasons for low enrolment amongst educationally backward minorities. In order to promote elementary education amongst girls inter alia, opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, mid-day meal programme to improve nutrition levels, early childhood care and education centres in/near schools in convergence with ICDS programme, gender sensitization of teachers, gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials and intensive community mobilization efforts to promote girls education, are being undertaken by the Government.

In 2009-10 no new proposals from States/UTs were received for opening of KGBVs. In 2010-11 and 2011-12, 999 and 31 proposals respectively, were received and all were sanctioned by the Government of India. In the current year, of the 34 proposals received, only 09 were sanctioned because of a backlog of incomplete KGBVs in several states. The details of funds allocated for the scheme during the last 3 years and the current year State/UT-wise is at Annexure-II.