

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 and the enrolment ratio of SC, ST, OBC, Muslim and BPL girls therein, State-wise;
- (c) whether ratio of minority girl students is very low in these Vidyalayas and if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to increase the enrolment of these girls;
- (d) the number of proposals received and sanctioned for opening of KGBVs along with the number of such Vidyalayas likely to be opened in the near future including the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;and
- (e) whether any assessment had been made on the functioning of these Vidyalayas and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) A total of 3530 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) are at present operational in the country, in the Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) with rural female literacy below the national average as per the Census 2001, as residential schools for girls from class VI to VIII. The State-wise position of the number of schools and the percentage of SC, ST, OBC, Muslims and BPL girls enrolled is given at Annexure I.

(c) The enrolment of Muslim girls in 534 KGBVs existing in districts with a sizable Muslim population is 24.49 %, which cannot be regarded as low.

(d) The sanction of new KGBV residential schools to States depends on their performance and completion of past sanctions in the scheme and availability of funds. In 2012-13, 9 new KGBVs were sanctioned against proposals for 34, due to backlog of incomplete KGBVs in several States. The details of funds allocated for KGBVs in the past three years are at Annexure II.

(e) A national evaluation of the scheme was conducted in the year 2007, which revealed that the scheme has received high acceptance by the State Governments and the community at large. The findings suggested that greater efforts in training and reaching out to disadvantaged social groups are required.