

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

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OPENING OF HIGHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up higher and technical educational institutes in the country for the welfare of minorities during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the funds incurred in this regard; and
- (c) the number of such educational institutes proposed to be opened during the 12th Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (c): The Government has sanctioned institutions of higher/technical education in Minority Concentration Districts. Under the scheme of establishment of 374 Model Degree Colleges in districts having Gross Enrolment Ratio of Higher Education below the national average, 12 proposals were received and approved for setting up Model Degree Colleges in Minority Concentration Districts viz. East Kameng in Arunachal Pradesh; Cachar, Hailakandi, Karimganj, Morigaon, Darrang, Nagaon, Bongaigaon, Dhubri and Goalpara in Assam; Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh; and Leh (Ladakh) in Jammu & Kashmir. An amount of Rs.45.33 crores has been sanctioned under the Central/University Grants Commission's share upto December, 2012. Under the Scheme of Sub-Mission on Polytechnics, 54 new Polytechnics have been approved in Minority Concentration Districts out of the 57 proposed in 13 States. An amount of Rs.315.16 crores has been released so far. State-wise details are at Annexure.

As per the XII Five Year Plan approved by the National Development Council (NDC), the focus will be on consolidation of the existing institutions rather than creating new ones.