

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

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EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD STATES DISTRICTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified the educationally backward States and districts in the country including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of these States/districts is lower than the national GER for higher education and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to open colleges in these States/districts and if so, the details thereof, State-wise, location-wise;
- (e) the details of special efforts being made by the Government to improve GER in the above districts during the 12th Five Year Plan; and
- (f) the funds earmarked/allocated for this purpose, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. An Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) had identified 374 such Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) with a Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education less than the national average. These districts were identified on the basis of the 2001 census data. A list of the 374 EBDs is at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Report-UGCDPR_0.pdf. The GER varies across States and districts for various reasons such as regional imbalances in the spread of institutional base, unequal opportunities of access to higher education to certain social groups, geographical constraints of backwardness of the area, difficult and hilly terrain etc.

(d) to (f) Yes, Madam. The Central Government had launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to establish one Model Degree College in each of the 374 identified EBDs during the XI and XII Plan period. Details of the Model Degree Colleges approved under the CSS are available at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Status_MDCs.pdf. The capital cost for each Model Degree College ranges from Rs. 4 crores to Rs. 8 crores. The Central Government provides assistance to the extent of one third of the capital cost for establishment of each college. For special category states (North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand), the Central share is 50% of the capital cost. The State Government provides the land for the Model Degree College and bears the balance share of the capital cost and recurring cost. A sum of Rs.1079 crores as Central share has been approved for the CSS.