

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN MUSLIM AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that educational institutions in Muslim areas in the country are not sufficient;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam,

(b) & (c) Establishing educational institutions, with focus on improving access, equity and quality in Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) is a priority for the Government. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), districts with concentration of Muslim population are specifically targeted for maximising school access and eliminating infrastructure gaps. Under this programme, as of December 2012, a total of 20512 Primary Schools and 9918 Upper Primary Schools have been constructed in Minority Concentration Districts. Under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), 890 new secondary schools have been approved to be opened in MCDs. Out of 3609 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) i.e; residential schools for girls at Upper Primary level for girls belonging predominantly to the SC,ST,OBC and minority communities in Educational Backward Blocks, 544 KGBVs have been sanctioned in the Minority Concentration Districts, enrolling 10,821 Muslim girls. In addition under the scheme of establishment of 374 Model Degree Colleges in districts having a 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. 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. Two campuses of the Aligarh Muslim University have been established at Mallapuram (Kerala) and Murshidabad (West Bengal). The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) has granted minority status certificates to 7292 educational institutions till 31.1.2013.