

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NAVODAYA VIDYALAYAS

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

- (a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVs) and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) functioning in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the number of NVs opened during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to open more NVs during the Twelfth Plan Period;
- (d) if so, the details including the locations thereof, State-wise and the time by which these are likely to be opened;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide same facilities in NVs as are given in Kendriya Vidyalayas and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has made any assessment about the quality of education imparted in these vidyalayas and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The state-wise details of the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs)/ Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) functioning in the country are at Annexure.
- (b) During the last three years and in the current year, only two new JNVs have been made functional at Ukhrul and Senapati districts of Manipur.
- (c)&(d) The 12th Plan 2012-17 has a total target for opening 378 new JNVs throughout the country. Actual sanction and opening of each such new JNV depends on the availability of funds and the approval of Competent Authority. The locations of the new JNVs are decided only at the time of the sanction of the JNVs.
- (e) The mandate of the JNVs is different from that of the mandate for setting up Kendriya Vidyalayas. The JNVs are residential schools providing education from class VIth to XIth to bring out the best out of rural talent. The students are provided totally free education and no fees are charged on account of boarding and lodging etc. On the other hand, KVs are setup to provide uninterrupted education primarily to the wards of the Central Government employees. As such, the facilities provided to the students in JNVs and KVs are not comparable. However, both JNVs and KVs are affiliated to the CBSE and have a common syllabus as prescribed by the CBSE.
- (f) The Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission has been assigned the task of evaluating the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme by the Planning Commission.