

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

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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 therefore 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 3597 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBVs) are at present operational in the country, in those Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) with the rural female literacy rate below the national average as per the 2001 Census, 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 in them is given at Annexure I.
- (c): The enrolment of Muslim girls in 544 KGBVs that exist in districts with a sizable Muslim population is 25.30%, which corresponds favourably with their share in the total proportion of girl students in the target age group.
- (d): The sanction of new KGBV residential schools to States depends on their performance, the completion of past sanctions in the scheme and the availability of funds. In 2013-14 no new KGBVs were sanctioned against the proposals for 99 KGBVs received from the States as the proposals did not fulfill set norms and also due to the backlog of incomplete KGBVs in some States. The details of funds allocated for the KGBVs in the past three years are at Annexure II.
- (e): A national evaluation of the scheme was conducted in the year 2013, which revealed that the scheme has received high acceptance by the State Governments and the community at large. The students living in KGBVs hostel were faring far better than their peers in the regular schools. However the findings also suggested that greater efforts should be made to reach out to disadvantaged social groups and Children With Special Needs.