

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5646
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas

5646. SHRI NAGESH GODAM:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas are providing education up to 8th standard in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government have any proposal to upgrade the classes up to 12th standard in the schools in future and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the dropouts percentage in these schools increase or decrease and if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a): Yes Madam. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) are residential schools at upper primary level for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and BPL. It aims to reduce gender gap at elementary education and is operational in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs). In KGBVs, 75% girls from SC, ST, OBC or Minority Communities would be accorded priority for enrollment and only thereafter, 25% girls from families of Below Poverty Line would be enrolled.

Presently, 3703 KGBVs have been sanctioned in the country out of which 3603 are operational with an enrolment of 3.67 lakh girls out of which 29.81% are from SC category, 24.87% are from ST category, 31.41% are from OBC category while 7.74% are Muslims and 6.18% are from BPL category. .

(b): As per the announcement in Budget 2018-19, school education is to be viewed holistically starting from pre-primary to 12th standard. Accordingly, a proposal regarding extension of KGBVs up to Senior Secondary level in convergence with Girls Hostel component in a phased manner, has been prepared by this Department.

(c): Dropout percentage of KGBV students is not captured at national level. However, the dropout rate of girls at primary level has been steadily decreasing in the last three years. The details of annual average dropout rate of girls at primary level as per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) are as under:

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
4.66	4.14	3.88