

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3021
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

Higher Education

†3021. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has identified the educationally backward districts of Jharkhand and Bihar where the ratio of total registration for higher education is below the national average percentage;
- (b) if so, the names thereof and the districts which had been identified on the basis of census 2011; and
- (c) the efforts made/being made to improve the quality of higher education in these districts?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (c): An Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) had identified 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education was less than the national average of 12.4% based on 2001 census data. Amongst the 374 EBDs, 12 districts were identified in the State of Jharkhand and 25 districts in the State of Bihar. The list of 12 EBDs in the State of Jharkhand and 25 EBDs in the State of Bihar is **annexed**.

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is being implemented by the Ministry of Human Resource Development with the aim of promoting access, equity and quality. The scheme, *inter alia*, provides central assistance to States for creation of New Model Degree Colleges, upgradation of existing degree colleges to Model Degree Colleges, Infrastructure grants to college and universities, New colleges (Professional) etc.

As on date, under various components, the Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA has approved an amount of Rs. 240 crores in 12 EBDs in the State of Jharkhand and an amount of Rs. 108.85 crores, in 10 EBDs in the State of Bihar.

Annexure referred to in parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. †3021 to be answered on 31st December, 2018 regarding Higher Education asked by Shri Vijay Kumar Hansdak, Shrimati Rama Devi and Shri Ram Tahal Choudhary, Hon'ble MPs.

List of Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) identified as per 2001 census data in the State of Bihar and Jharkhand

Bihar		Jharkhand	
S.No	Name of the EBD	S.No	Name of the EBD
1.	Araria	1.	Chatra
2.	Aurangabad	2.	Deoghar
3.	Banka	3.	Dumka
4.	Begusarai	4.	Garhwa
5.	Darbhanga	5.	Girdih
6.	Gopalgunj	6.	Godda
7.	Jamui	7.	Gumla
8.	Kaimur	8.	Kodarma
9.	Katihar	9.	Pakaur
10.	Khagaria	10.	Palamu
11.	Kishanganj	11.	Paschim Singhbhum
12.	Lakhisarai	12.	Sahibganj
13.	Madhepura		
14.	Madhubani		
15.	Nawada		
16.	W. Champaran		
17.	E. Champaran		
18.	Purnia		
19.	Saharsa		
20.	Samastipur		
21.	Sheohar		
22.	Sitamarhi		
23.	Siwan		
24.	Supaul		
25.	Vaishali		