

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3538  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.7.2019**

**CENTRAL SCHOOLS IN BACKWARD AND TRIBAL AREAS**

**3538. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:  
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:**

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

- (a) the details of policy adopted for opening of Central Schools in each State;
- (b) whether there are many educationally backward districts and tribal areas in the country including Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a demand and representations from public representatives to open Central schools in the educationally backward districts and tribal areas including Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts in Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government thereon;
- (e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken to open Central Schools in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts; and
- (f) whether the Government has any plan to set up Kendriya Vidyalayas in backward districts and tribal areas and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) Proposals for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are considered only if sponsored by Ministries or Departments of the Government of India / State Governments / Union Territories Administrations thereby committing resources for setting up a new KV as well as the availability of necessary sanction of the Government. The proposals received from various sponsoring authorities for opening of new KVs also have to compete among other proposals under the "Challenge Method".

The proposals also need to satisfy the following mandatory conditions:-

- (i) Sponsoring Agency has to provide land, free of cost on permanent transfer / 99 years lease at the nominal rent, i.e., @ Re.1/- per annum, measuring 2.50 acres to 5.00 acres in metropolitan cities, Hyderabad & Bengaluru, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) districts / Hill areas / North Easter Region (NER) including the

State of Sikkim and land measuring 5.00 acres to 10.00 acres fairly levelled in other locations, as the case may be.

- (ii) An independent rent-free temporary accommodation consisting of 15 rooms for running the school of the size 7m x 7m with adequate space till the time permanent Vidyalaya building is constructed by KVS on the land provided by Sponsoring Authority.
- (iii) Residential accommodation to be provided for at least 50% of staff posted in the proposed Vidyalaya.
- (iv) Concentration of at least 500 employees of Defence/Central Govt./ Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) individually or jointly at the station.(200 in case of LWE districts/Hill areas/NER).
- (v) Availability of minimum 200 students of the aforesaid priority categories for enrolment in the proposed KV.

(b) Yes, Sir. Initially the Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) were defined as blocks where rural female literacy rate is below the national average (46.13%) as per Census, 2001 and Gender Gap in Literacy being above the national average of 21.59%. Both these criteria had been earmarked by the Registrar General of India (RGI). Further, the definition of EBBs has been revised in 2010 to include block where rural female literacy rate is below the national average (46.13%) as per Census 2001. At the time of extension of National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools (NP-MDMS) to upper primary stage in September, 2017, there are 3479 educationally backward blocks in the country including 43 in the State of Maharashtra.

As per census 2011 figures, there are 564 sub-districts i.e. blocks / taluka / tehsil having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons, including 24 sub-districts i.e. blocks / taluka / tehsil in Maharashtra. Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts of Maharashtra do not appear in the list of 564 sub-districts having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons.

(c) & (d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has informed that no proposal has been received from public representatives to open Central schools in the educationally backward districts and tribal areas including Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts in Maharashtra.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No such proposal is under consideration at present as KVs are not set up on the criteria of backward districts or tribal areas.

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