

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:339
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2006
EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified educationally backward areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and
- (c) the name of the schemes launched and other measures taken by the Government for development of these areas during the year 2004-05 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 339 FOR 14TH MARCH, 2006 BY SHRI SRICHAND KRIPLANI REGARDING EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD AREAS.

(a)&(b): State-wise list of Special Focus Districts identified by the Ministry is given in the Annexure.

(c) : The above list was finalized in November, 2005. Hence, the question of special measures being taken on its basis during 2004-05 does not arise. However, schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid Day Meal cover all districts, and schemes of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas, already cover 64 and 87 Special Focus Districts respectively.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE LIST OF SPECIAL FOCUS DISTRICTS FINALIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY & HIGHER EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER, 2005

S.No.	Name of the State	No. OF DISTRICTS	Name of the Districts
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1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.	Adilabad
2.			Khammam
3.			Mahbubnagar
4.			Warrangal
2.	Assam	1.	Barpeta
2.			Darrang
3.			Dhemaji
4.			Dhubri
5.			Goalpara
6.			Karbi Anglong
7.			Kokrajhar
8.			Lakhimpur
9.			Morigaon
10.			Nalbari
11.			North Cachar Hills
12.			Sibsagar
13.			Sonitpur
14.			Tinsukhia
3.	Bihar	1.	Araria
2.			Darbhanga
3.			Katihar
4.			Madhepura
5.			Madhubani
6.			Muzaffarpur

7. Paschim Champaran
8. Purba Champaran
9. Purnea
10. Sheohar
11. Sitamarhi
12. Supaul
4. Chhattisgarh 1. Bastar
2. Bilaspur
3. Dantewara
4. Jashpur
5. Kanker
6. Koriya
7. Rajnandgaon
8. Sarguja
5. Gujarat 1. Dangs
2. Panchmahals
6. Himachal Pradesh 1. Chamba
2. Kinnaur
3. Lahaul & Spiti
- 7 Jharkhand 1. Deoghar
2. Garhwa
3. Giridih
4. Godda
5. Gumla
6. Jamtara
7. Latehar
8. Lohardagga
9. Palamau
10. Sahebganj
11. Saraikela
12. Simdega
13. West Singhbhum
8. Karnataka 1. Bidar
9. Kerala 1. Waynad
10. Madhya Pradesh 1. Balaghat
2. Barwani
3. Dewas
4. Dindori
5. Mandla
6. Shahdol
7. Sheopur
8. Sidhi
9. Umaria
10. West Nimer
11. Maharashtra 1. Ahmednagar
2. Chandrapur
3. Dhule
4. Gadchiroli
5. Nanded
12. Manipur 1. Tamenlong
13. Meghalaya 1. East Garo Hills
14. Orissa 1. Balasore
2. Boudh
3. Gajapati
4. Ganjam
5. Kalahandi
6. Kandhamal
7. Keonjhar
8. Koraput
9. Mayurbhanj
10. Nawarangpur
11. Sambalpur
12. Sundergarh
15. Rajasthan 1. Banswara
2. Dungarpur
3. Jaiselmer
4. Sikar
16. Sikkim 1. North Sikkim
2. South Sikkim
3. West Sikkim
17. Tamil Nadu 1. Cuddalore
2. Tiruvannamalai
18. Tripura 1. Dhalai
2. North Tripura
3. South Tripura
19. Uttar Pradesh 1. Barabanki
2. Sitapur
20. West Bengal 1. Bankura
2. North 24 Pargana
3. Purulia
4. West Midnapur

