

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

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KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDYALAYAS

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up additional Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas particularly for the benefit of students belonging to the SC, ST, OBC and minority communities in educationally backward blocks in the country as reported in Hindustan dated September 30,2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the criteria for selection of sites for setting up of such vidyalayas;

(d) the details of funds allocated during the current financial year; and

(e) the academic year from which these vidyalayas are likely to start functioning ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The Government of India has approved 1000 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) for the year 2006- 07 whose allotment to States is based on specific State proposals. The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas are set up in educationally backward blocks where the female rural literacy is below the national average and the gender gap in literacy is above the national average. The location of a KGBV school in eligible educationally backward blocks is decided by the State Government concerned.