

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:106

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GRANTS UNDER NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR EDUCATION OF GIRLS AT ELEMENTARY LEVEL

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

- (a) the details of grants approved by the Government under the National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) for States during the last three years, State- wise;
- (b) whether the grants under the said programme has been sanctioned for 2006-07;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the time by which the grants will be released to the States including Gujarat;
- (f) the number of Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) covered under the said programme during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (g) the criteria for inclusion of a Block under NPEGEL and how it functions to achieve its goal?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (g) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 106 FOR 6.3.2007 ASKED BY SHRI P.S. GADHAVI AND SHRI ANWAR HUSSAIN REGARDING GRANTS UNDER NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR EDUCATION OF GIRLS AT ELEMENTARY LEVEL

(a) to (g) The National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) is a sub component of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for promoting girls education especially in educationally backward blocks (EBB), where as per census data of 2001, the female literacy is below the national average (46.13%) and the gender gap in literacy is more than the national average (21.59%), as these are areas with highest gender discrimination in educational aspects.

The number of educationally backward blocks and funds sanctioned to States for implementation of the programme during the last three years and in the current financial year upto 28.02.2007 is at Annexure.