

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

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PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN EDUCATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement a national policy to enhance participation of women in the field of education;
- (b) if so, the salient features of this policy alongwith; the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (c) the criteria fixed for selection of universities to provide grant to them under the said policy; and
- (d) the names of universities which are being considered or have been identified for providing grants?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, under para 4.2 and 4.3 provides that 'Education will be used as an agent of basic change in the status of woman. The removal of women's illiteracy and obstacles inhibiting their access to, and retention in, elementary education will receive overriding priority through provision of special support services and effective monitoring. Major emphasis will also be laid on women's participation in vocational, technical and professional education at different levels.'

In pursuance of the policy framework envisaged in the NPE, the Government have launched many programmes for women education and empowerment like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) with special focus on girls, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya and residential schools for girls, Scheme for strengthening of boarding and hostel facilities for girl students and community polytechnics for women. The UGC also implements various Schemes for women education viz., setting up of Centres and Cells for Women Studies, Technology Courses for women, Part time Research Associateships, construction of Women's Hostels, Financial Assistance to women's Colleges for purchase of books, journals, equipment and setting up of Day care centers.

(c) No such criteria have been fixed.

(d) Does not arise.