

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

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EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD STATES

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified educationally backward States and districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop the educationally backward States and districts by setting up model schools and colleges; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocation made and expenditure incurred during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Government have identified 374 districts according to the 2001 census where the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is lower than the estimated national GER of 12.4 for higher education. During XIth Plan Rs.782 crore has been allocated for setting up one model college in each such districts for which proposals have been invited from State Governments.

In regard to schools, the Central Government has decided to set up one Model School in each of the 6,000 blocks in the country as benchmarks of excellence. Rs. 12,750 crore has been allocated for the scheme during the 11th Five Year plan, and Rs. 350 crore has been provided in the budget of financial year 2009-10.No fund has so far been released under this scheme till date.