

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

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

- (a) the schemes being implemented by the Central Government to promote education for girl child alongwith the share of Central Government in these schemes;
- (b) whether there is any scheme to provide scholarship for girl child in higher education;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is implemented by the Government of India as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in partnership with the State Governments to universalise elementary education. SSA provides for the National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) to reach out to girls from marginalized social groups in educationally backwards blocks in the country. During the 11th Plan, the fund sharing pattern between the Centre and States/UTs for all interventions under SSA, including NPEGEL and KGBV, was in the 65:35 ratio for the first two years, 60:40 for the third year, 55:45 for the fourth year; and 50:50 thereafter. For States in the North Eastern Region (NER) the fund sharing pattern is in the 90:10 ratio.

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Girls' Hostel envisages setting up of one hostel for 100 girls in educationally backward blocks, to enhance enrolment of girls in the secondary stage and to improve their retention. The sharing pattern between the Central and State Governments for this scheme is in the 90:10 ratio.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education", a sum of Rs.3,000 is deposited in the name of an eligible girl in the form of a fixed deposit, which can be withdrawn alongwith interest thereon when the girl attains the age of 18 years, subject to the condition that she should have passed Class X. The scheme covers (i) all girls belonging to SC/ST who pass Class-VII and (ii) all girls who pass Class-VIII from Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and enroll in Class-IX in Government, Government-aided and local body schools. The objective of the Scheme is to establish an enabling environment to promote enrolment and reduce dropout of girls in the secondary stage.

A Central Sector Scheme of scholarship for meritorious college and university students belonging to poor families has been initiated by the Department of Higher Education w.e.f. the year 2008. Under this scheme, scholarship of Rs.10,000/- per year for the first three years of graduation level studies and Rs. 20,000/- per year for subsequent two years is given for day-to-day expenses while students pursue higher studies/professional courses. 50% of these scholarships are reserved for girls. 82,000 fresh scholarships are available every year. Students who are above the 80th percentile of successful candidates of a particular Board, in the relevant stream, in class XII of 10 +2 pattern or equivalent exam, are eligible to apply for the scholarship which is paid into their bank accounts. The income ceiling has been kept at Rs. 4.5 lakh per annum.