

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

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EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of 640 districts 374 districts are educationally backward in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and measures taken by the Government to bring improvement in the field of education in those districts;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more degree colleges, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) and Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in various parts of the Bihar during the 12th Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, location wise; and
- (e) the time by which these educational institutions are likely to be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) : An Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) had identified 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) where Gross Enrolment (GER) in higher education was less than the national average of 12.4%, based on 2001 census data.

In 2010 a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) was launched to set up one Model Degree College (MDC) in each of the 374 EBDs in order to increase GER in the country by providing greater access to higher education in these districts. The CSS has since been subsumed in the new CSS of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). RUSA provides for the creation of new institutions, including model degree colleges and professional colleges.

(c) to (e): Out of the 25 EBDs in Bihar only one proposal was received for Madhepura district under the erstwhile scheme for setting up of a Model Degree Colleges. The proposal was not approved on grounds of eligibility. While the state of Bihar has indicated its willingness to participate in RUSA, no proposal for creating new institutions under RUSA has been received so far.

The Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme (JNV) provides for opening of one Navodaya Vidyalaya in each district of the country. The Government of India during 2008-09 had accorded approval to open additional JNVs in the identified districts having large concentration of SC/ST population in the country. In the State of Bihar JNVs have already been established in all the identified 38 districts including an additional JNV in district Gaya having large concentration of SC population. No proposal for opening of more JNVs in the State of Bihar is pending.

The 12th Plan document has envisaged opening of 500 new Kendriya Vidyalayas during the 12th Plan period in various parts of the country including in the State of Bihar. Approval of Government of India has been conveyed for two Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State of Bihar in Jhajha in Jamui district and Sasaram in Rohtas district.