GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 444
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya

444# Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Will the Minister of ***Education*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any arrangements for the higher education of girls after completing their secondary education from Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV);
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that canteen services provided in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas have severely deteriorated; and
(d) the detail of number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas running in Bihar alongwith the number of students studying therein?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) & (b): There is no specific provision for the higher education of girls completing their secondary education from Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs). However, University Grant Commission makes continuous and special efforts to promote education for disadvantaged groups, which include reservation of seats in various courses offered by the Universities/Colleges, provision of seats in hostels, scholarships, fellowships, remedial courses, special assistance to colleges in Tribal areas etc. In addition to this, central assistance has been approved for creation of three Women's Universities in the States of Jharkhand, Karnataka and Odisha under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education. Further, five Model Degree Colleges (4 in Jharkhand and 1 in Madhya Pradesh) have been approved exclusively for Women under RUSA. Central support is also provided for strengthening the infrastructure, enhancing excellence and increasing the Research activities to the existing Women Institutions under the various components of RUSA.

(c) : Department of School Education and Literacy (D/o SE&L), Ministry of Education is implementing Samagra Shiksha-an Integrated Scheme on School Education. Under Samagra Shiksha, provision has been made for KGBVs. In the draft framework of Samagra Shiksha, minimum requirements for KGBVs which include kitchen equipment, food facilities and appointment of cooks, have been specified. States and UTs need to be follow these minimum requirements. Further, it is also mentioned in the draft framework of Samagra Shiksha that one of the walls of the hostel has to be painted with the exact details of what the scheme entails and what each beneficiary is entitled to under the scheme, for the information to be readily accessible. Details of grants received and the facilities provided/ assets acquired by the hostel authorities are also required to be displayed at each hostel.

A continuing evaluation has to be done by the State Government agencies through a regular and well-structured system of field visits.

D/o SE&L provides funds under Samagra Shiksha to States/UTs for operationalization of KGBVs. Administrative matters and operationalization of KGBVs come under the purview of concerned State Government. However, the D/o SE&L has not received any complaint specifically relating to quality of food provided in the KGBVs.

(d): A total of 732 KGBVs have been sanctioned in the State of Bihar as on 31.01.2021. Out of it, 584 KGBVs are functional with the enrolment of 54445 girls.

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