

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3216
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**KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS IN BACKWARD
AREAS OF THE COUNTRY**

3216 DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to start Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in backward areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether blocks have been identified for setting up of KVs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria for selection of such blocks?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) to (d) At present, 1249 Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are functioning across the country. Opening of new KVs is a continuous process. KVs are opened primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government Employees including Defence & Para-military personnel, Central Autonomous Bodies, Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Central Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) by providing a common programme of education throughout the country. Proposals for opening of new KVs may be sponsored by Ministries or Departments of the Government of India / State Governments / Union Territories (UTs) Administrations, with commitment to provide requisite resources for setting up a new KV as per norms. The proposals are subject to approval of the competent authority. KVs are not opened on the criteria of State/UT/District/Backward area.
