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**Opening of more Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to review their current policy and guidelines for opening more Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the country and if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government proposes to open JNV in rural and backward areas of Maharashtra and if so, details thereof;
- (c) details of vacancies of teaching staff in JNVs across the country and the measures taken by Government for filling up the said vacancies; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to provide good quality modern education to students in the country by opening new JNVs?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in each district, having rural population, of the country. Opening of new JNVs is a continuous process which depends on the willingness of the concerned State Government/UT administration to make available requisite suitable land, free of cost, for construction of the permanent building and making available required temporary building, free of rent, to run the Vidyalaya till the permanent building is constructed. Sanction and opening of new JNV depends on approval by the competent authority.

All the 33 districts of Maharashtra state (excluding two urban districts i.e. Mumbai City & Mumbai Suburban) carved out as on 31.05.2014 have already been covered under Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme and 34 JNVs have been set up including an additional second JNV in Nandurbar district (ST Concentrated).

The vacancies of teaching and non-teaching staff arise due to retirement, resignation, promotion and additional requirement on account of up-gradation / sanctioning of new streams as well as enhancement of students' strength. Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and efforts are made to fill up the vacancies as per the provisions of the relevant recruitment rules. Teachers are also engaged on contractual basis for temporary duration by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) to ensure that the teaching-learning process is not hampered. As on date against a total sanctioned strength of 15936 of teaching staff, there are 927 vacancies.

JNVs provide good quality modern education with a strong component of inculcation of values, awareness of the environment, adventure activities, physical education, etc.

All JNVs are having facilities such as classrooms, dormitories, mess, labs, library, playgrounds, etc. Besides, substantial number of JNVs are having internet connectivity, smart classrooms, computers, digital tablets, etc.

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