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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2931  
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**Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttarakhand**

2931 # **Shri Mahendra Bhatt:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in mountainous and remotely located development blocks such as Pokhari in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand to provide quality education to rural students; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a) & (b) Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (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 Administrations, with commitment to provide requisite extent of land, free of cost and suitable rent-free temporary accommodation for setting up a new KV, as per Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) norms. KVs are not opened on the criteria of State/UT/Parliamentary Constituency/district/ mountainous and remote area. Presently, 46 KVs are functional in the State of Uttarakhand, including 04 KVs in District Chamoli, namely (i) KV ITBP, Gauchar, (ii) KV SSB, Gwaldam, (iii) KV ITBP, Joshimath and (iv) KV Gopeshwar.

The Government of India has recently sanctioned 57 new KVs in October, 2025 across the country, including 01 KV in the State of Uttarakhand, namely KV Sawad (District Chamoli). Further, as per information received from KVS, no feasible proposal for opening of a new KV at Pokhari, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand has been received from the State Government/District Administration.

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