

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1368
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2017

Backward Districts

1368. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- a) the criterion laid down by the Government to identify educationally backward districts in the country;
- (b) the number of districts identified as educationally backward in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the schemes/ programmes being implemented by the Government in the country to eradicate educational backwardness and to improve the standard of education in the said districts;
- (d) whether the Government has provided adequate funds under the said schemes/programmes during the said period;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, Scheme/ Programme-wise and State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) & (b) An Expert Committee constituted by the University Grant Commission (UGC) had identified 374 Districts in the country as Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education was less than the national average of 12.4% based on 2001 census data. State-wise list of these EBDs is at **Annexure-I**.

(c) In the year 2010, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) was launched to set up one Model Degree College (MDC) in each of the identified 374 EBDs to increase access to higher education. The scheme was later subsumed under the new CSS of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) which is aimed at inter-alia correcting regional imbalances in access to higher education, especially in unserved and underserved areas by setting up quality higher educational institutions and upgrading existing ones.

(d) & (e) State/UT-wise funds released under the Scheme - Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) to set up Model Degree College (MDC) in Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) during the years 2013-14 to 2016-17 is at **Annexure-II**.

(f) In order to focus on the areas where the literacy levels are low, the Department of School Education & Literacy (SE&L) has identified Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs). The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya scheme is being implemented under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for girl students of classes VI-VIII in the EBBs across the country. The Girls Hostel scheme under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) for students of classes IX-XII is also being implemented in EBBs.

Mid Day Meal (MDM) Scheme for children studying in Classes I-VIII and Saakshar Bharat Programme are also being implemented throughout the country to improve literacy.

**Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1368
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State-wise list of Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs)

1.A & N Islands	Dantewada	Giridih	Shivpuri	Banswara	Banda
Andamans	Dhamtari	Godda	Sidhi	Baran	Barabanki
Nicobars	Durg	Gumla	Tikamgarh	Barmer	Bareilly
2. Andhra Pr.	Janjgir -champa	Kodarma	Ujjain	Bharatpur	Basti
Adilabad	Jashpur	Pakaur	Umaria	Bhilwara	Bijnor
Anantapur	Kanker	Palamu	Vidisha	Bikaner	Budaun
East Godavari	Kawardha	Paschim.Singhbhum	West Nimar	Bundi	Bulandshahr
Kurnool	Koriya	Sahibganj	18. Maharashtra	Chittorgarh	Chitrakoot
Mahbubnagar	Mahasamund	14. Karnataka	Buldana	Churu	Etah
Medak	Raigarh	Bagalkot	Gadchiroli	Dausa	Farrukhabad
Nizamabad	Raipur	Bangalore Rural	Hingoli	Dhaulpur	Fatehpur
Prakasam	Rajnandgaon	Belgaum	Jalna	Dungarpur	Gonda
Srikakulam	Surguja	Bellary	Raigarh	Ganganagar	Hamirpur
Vizianagaram	7.D & N Haveli	Bijapur	Ratnagiri	Hanumangarh	Hardoi
West Godavari	D & N Haveli	Chamarajanagar	Sindhudurg	Jaisalmer	Hathras
3. Arunachal Pr.	8. Daman & Diu	Chikmagalur	19. Meghalaya	Jalor	Jyotiba P. Nagar
Changlang	Daman	Chitradurga	East Garo Hills	Jhalawar	Kannauj
Dibang Valley	Diu	Dakshina Kannada	Jaintia Hills	Jhunjhunun	Kanpur Dehat
East Kameng	9. Gujarat	Gadag	Ri Bhoi	Jodhpur	Kaushambi
Lohit	Amreli	Hassan	South Garo Hills	Karauli	Kheri
Lower Subansiri	Banas Kantha	Haveri	West Khasi Hills	Nagaur	Kushinagar
Tawang	Bharuch	Kodagu	20. Mizoram	Pali	Lalitpur
Tirap	Bhavnagar	Kolar	Champhai	Rajsamand	Maharajganj
Upper Siang	Dohad	Koppal	Kolasib	Sawai Madhopur	Mahoba
Upper Subansiri	Jamnagar	Mandya	Lawngtlai	Sikar	Mathura
West Kameng	Junagad	Raichur	Lunglei	Sirohi	Moradabad
West Siang	Kachchh	Tumkur	Mamit	Tonk	Muzaffarnagar
4. Assam	Khedra	Udupi	Saiha	Udaipur	Pilibhit
Bongaigaon	Mahesana	Uttara Kannada	Serchhip	26. Sikkim	Rae Bareli
Cachar	Narmada	15. Kerala	21. Nagaland	East	Rampur
Darrang	Panch Mahals	Kasaragod	Mon	North	Saharanpur
Dhubri	Patan	Malappuram	22. Orissa	South	Sant Kabir Nagar
Goalpara	Porbandar	Palakkad	Anugul	West	Shahjahanpur
Hailakandi	Rajkot	Wayanad	Balangir	27. Tamil Nadu	Shrawasti
Karbi Anglong	Sabar Kantha	16. Lakshadweep	Bargarh	Ariyalur	Siddharthnagar
Karimnagar	Surat	Lakshadweep	Baudh	Coimbatore	Sitapur
Marigaon	Surendranagar	17. Madhya Pr.	Debagarh	Cuddalore	Sonbhadra
Nagaon	The Dangs	Balaghat	Dhenkanal	Dharmapuri	Sultanpur
Sonitpur	Valsad	Barwani	Gajapati	Dindigul	Unnao
Tinsukia	10. Haryana	Betul	Ganjam	Erode	30. Uttaranchal
5. Bihar	Fatehabad	Bhind	Kalahandi	Kancheepuram	Bageshwar
Araria	Gurgaon	Chhatarpur	Kandhamal	Kanniyakumari	Champawat
Aurangabad	Jind	Chhindwara	Kendujhar	Karur	31. W. Bengal
Banka	Kaithal	Damoh	Koraput	Madurai	Bankura
Begusarai	Karnal	Datia	Malkangiri	Nagapattinam	Barddhaman
Darbhanga	Panipat	Dewas	Nabarangapur	Perambalur	Birbhum
Gopalganj	Sirsa	Dhar	Nayagarh	Pudukkottai	Dakshin Dinajpur
Jamui	11.Himachal Pr..	Dindori	Nuapada	Ramanathapuram	Darjiling
Kaimur	Chamba	East Nimar	Rayagada	Salem	Haora
Katihar	Kinnaur	Guna	Sonapur	Sivaganga	Hugli
Khagaria	Lahul & Spiti	Harda	23. Puducherry	Thanjavur	Jalpaiguri
Kishanganj	Sirmaur	Jhabua	Yanam	The Nilgiris	Koch Bihar
Lakhisarai	12. J&K	Katni	24. Punjab	Theni	Maldah
Madhepura	Anantnag	Mandla	Amritsar	Thiruvallur	Medinipur
Madhubani	Badgam	Mandsaur	Bathinda	Thiruvarur	Murshidabad
Nawada	Baramula	Morena	Faridkot	Thoothukkudi	Nadia
W. Champaran	Doda	Narsimhapur	Fatehgarh Sahib	Tirunelveli	North 24 Parganas
E. Champaran	Kargil	Neemuch	Firozpur	Tiruvannamalai	Puruliya
Purnia	Kathua	Panna	Gurdaspur	Vellore	South 24 Parganas
Saharsa	Kupwara	Raisen	Kapurthala	Viluppuram	Uttar Dinajpur
Samastipur	Leh	Rajgarh	Mansa	Virudhunagar	TOTAL DISTRICTS
Sheohar	Punch	Ratlam	Moga	28. Tripura	=374
Sitamarhi	Rajauri	Sagar	Muktsar	North Tripura	
Siwan	Udhampur	Satna	Nawanshahr	South Tripura	
Supaul	13 Jharkhand	Sehore	Patiala	West Tripura	
Vaishali	Chatra	Seoni	Sangrur	Dhalai	
6. Chhatisgarh	Deoghar	Shahdol	25. Rajasthan	29. Uttar Pr.	
Bastar	Dumka	Shajapur	Ajmer	Bahraich	
Iaspur	Garhwa	Sheopur	Alwar	Balrampur	

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State/UT-wise Funds Released (Rs. In crore) during years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17

S. No	Name of State/ UT	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.0	5.9	0.0	0.0
2	Andhra Pradesh	14.7	0.0	7.2	0.0
3	Assam	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	Chhattisgarh	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.4
5	Himachal Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4
6	Madhya Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2
7	Nagaland	0.0	1.4	0.0	4.7
8	Odisha	31.2	0.0	0.0	7.5
9	Punjab	0.0	0.0	2.9	7.9
10	Telangana	10.8	0.0	0.0	9.0
11	Tripura	15.0	0.0	4.2	0.0
12	Uttar Pradesh	101.4	0.0	0.0	39.0
13	Uttarakhand	0.0	0.0	1.1	4.1
Total		179.2	7.2	15.4	99.2