

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2614
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th March, 2018

Educational Backwardness

†2614. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Sheohar is a highly backward district from educational point of view in Bihar and there is no Degree college and technical institute in this district till date;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the efforts being made by the Government for increasing literacy level and establishing technical institute in the said district?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (c): Education being in the concurrent list, the creation of new institutions is the responsibility of both Central and State governments. However, recognizing the need for central support for achieving the aims of access, equity and excellence by strategically funding the State higher education system, a centrally sponsored scheme namely Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) has been implemented by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Under RUSA, inter alia, central assistance is provided for setting up new Model Degree College (MDC) and New College (Professional & Technical). Approval for Central Assistance under the scheme is dependent upon the submission of the State Higher Educational Plan (SHEP) by the States/UTs and the subsequent appraisal by the Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA. Sheohar district has not been proposed by the State for a new college under RUSA.

Further, Saakshar Bharat Programme was initiated in the Sheohar district of Bihar during the year 2010-2011 for implementation of Saakshar Bharat Programme in 34 districts including Sheohar district of Bihar for improving the literacy rate. 1961 Saaksharta Kendras (Literacy Centres) are being run by each Panchayat Swayamsevak (Panchayat Volunteers). A total of 106 Preraks (Females-56 and Males-50) are engaged in total 53 Adult Education Centres of Sheohar district of Bihar.

Under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) scheme, 7 new schools, 1 Girls Hostel, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in 5 schools and vocational education in 1 school has been approved in Sheohar district of Bihar.

Sheohar District is also covered under Submission Scheme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development as a backward district and one Government Polytechnic has been approved by the All India Council for Technical Education in the District.
