

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3035
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018**

Residential Schools

3035. DR. P.K. BIJU:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up special residential schools for orphans, Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated and being spent by the Government for this purpose, State-wise and year-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Under Samagra Shiksha, an integrated scheme of school education, financial assistance is provided to States/Union Territories for setting up residential schools/hostels for reaching out to children in sparsely populated or hilly and densely forested areas with difficult geographical terrain and border areas where new primary and upper primary and secondary/Higher Secondary schools may not be viable. Preference is given to Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs), Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts Special Focus Districts (SFDs) and aspirational districts identified by NITI Aayog. 347 Residential schools and 739 Hostels have been approved upto 2018-19. The enrolment in these residential schools is open to all children living in areas mentioned above.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) were residential schools from upper primary to senior secondary level to ensure access and quality education to girls from disadvantaged groups in the age groups belonging to SC, ST, OBC, Minority communities and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. KGBVs provide for a minimum reservation of 75% seats for girls from SC/ST/OBC and minorities communities and 25% to girls from families that live below the poverty line. Under the Samagra Shiksha, provision has been made to upgrade KGBVs from Class 6 to 8 to upto Class 12. A total of 5970 KGBVs of different categories have been sanctioned till 2018-19.

Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) scheme envisages setting up of one Navodaya Vidyalaya in each district of the country. These residential schools impart good quality modern education to rural talented children irrespective of their socio economic background.
