

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 999
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2018

Gross Enrolment Ratio in Higher Education

†999. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) the names of the districts in Gujarat identified by the University Grants Commission (UGC) which are educationally backward and where total enrolment ratio in higher education is below the national average;
- (b) the names of the districts identified on the basis of the census 2011; and
- (c) the efforts taken/being taken by the Government to raise the level of higher education in these districts?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): An Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) had identified 374 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. Amongst the 374 EBDs, 20 districts were identified in the State of Gujarat. The list of 20 EBDs in the State of Gujarat is **annexed**.

The Centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is being implemented by the Ministry of Human Resource Development with the aim of promoting access, equity and quality. *Inter alia*, the scheme provides central assistance to States for creation of Model Degree Colleges, infrastructure grants to college and universities, creation of universities either through upgradation of existing autonomous colleges or clustering of colleges etc.

The Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA has approved an amount of Rs. 131.101 crores, under various components, for 20 identified EBDs in the State of Gujarat.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. †999 to be answered on 17th December, 2018 regarding Gross Enrolment Ratio in Higher Education asked by Shri. Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava, Hon'ble M.P.

List of Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) identified as per 2001 census data in the State of Gujarat

S.No	Name of the EBD
1.	Amreli
2.	Banas Kantha
3.	Bharuch
4.	Bhavnagar
5.	Dohad
6.	Jamnagar
7.	Junagad
8.	Kachchh
9.	Kheda
10.	Mahesana
11.	Narmada
12.	Panch Mahals
13.	Patan
14.	Porbandar
15.	Rajkot
16.	Sabar Kantha
17.	Surat
18.	Surendranagar
19.	The Dangs
20.	Valsad