

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2019
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

LITERACY RATE AMONG MUSLIM COMMUNITY

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the male and female literacy rate among Muslim community in the country as on date;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more girls hostels and model degree colleges in the various districts of the country particularly in the minority dominated districts to increase their literacy rate;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/district-wise; and
- (d) the time by when these hostels and degree colleges are likely to be set up?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (d) : The literacy data in the country is collected through decennial census operation conducted by the Registrar General of India. The last census was conducted in 2011. As per the Census 2011, the country's literacy rate among Muslim Community was 68.54% (Male : 74.73% and Female : 62.04%).

Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education is implementing the scheme of Samagra Shiksha, effective from 2018-19, for universalization of quality education throughout the country in coordination with the States and UTs. It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. Samagra Shiksha envisages the 'school' as a continuum from Pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to Senior Secondary levels and supports States and Union Territories in implementation of the RTE Act, 2009.

Bridging gender and social category gaps at all levels of school education is one of the major objectives of the scheme.

To reduce gender gaps at all levels of school education, there is a provision of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyayas (KGBVs) under Samagra Shiksha. KGBVs are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL). The KGBVs are set up in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) of a State/UT where the female rural literacy rate is below the national average. Proposals for sanctioning of new KGBVs are submitted by the respective States/UTs in Annual Work Plan & Budget, which are scrutinized and approved by the Project Approval Board. Central Government approves KGBVs on the basis of the proposal received from State Government. The matters related to operationalization and functioning of KGBVs come under the purview of concerned State/UT Governments. As on 31.12.2022, status of KGBVs is as under:

KGBVs Sanctioned	KGBVs Functional	Enrolment					
		SC Girls	ST Girls	BPL Girls	OBC Girls	Muslim Girls	Total Girls Enrolled
5,646	4,996	1,85,969	1,77,082	46,037	2,41,777	26,076	6,76,941

(Source: Prabandh)

KGBV status in Muslim Concentration Districts :

818 KGBVs have been sanctioned in 88 Muslim Concentration Districts having 20% and above Muslim population and select urban areas, out of which 657 are functional.

Further, 267 KGBVs have been upgraded up to class X/XII in 88 Muslim Concentration Districts.

Support for setting up of Model Degree Colleges (MDCs) is provided to States/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). The selection of districts under RUSA is finalised as per the proposals submitted by the States and in consultation with them based on schematic guidelines.
