

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*142**  
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

**EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS**

\*142. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified educationally backward districts especially in Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes dominated areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise especially in Jharkhand;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for the development of educationally backward districts during the last three years; and
- (e) the details of targets fixed and achieved in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA  
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DUBEY AND SHRI N. REDDEPPA, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING  
EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS**

(a) to (e): In the past, University Grants Commission (UGC) had identified 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) on the basis of low Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education in 2008. The State-wise details of EBDs including in Jharkhand is at Annexure-I.

In the intervening period, a centrally sponsored scheme namely Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) has been implemented with the objective of improving access, equity and excellence in higher education in unserved and underserved areas. Till date under RUSA, 2972 projects have been approved, for which Central Share of Rs. 7085.40 crores have been released to States/UTs, including Jharkhand. The details of State-wise releases is at Annexure-II.

The government has approved the next phase of RUSA in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore for the FY 2023-24 to 2025-26 under which priority would be given to Aspirational districts, LWE affected districts and focus districts on the basis of low GER, gender parity, population proportion of SC/STs etc.

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State-wise and district-wise details of educationally backward districts identified by University Grants Commission (UGC)

Sl. No	State	No. of EBDs identified	Name of Districts
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2	Andamans, Nicobars
2.	Andhra Pradesh (erstwhile)	11	Adilabad, Anantapur, East Godavari, Kurnool, Mahbubnagar, Medak, Nizamabad, Prakasam, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, West Godavari
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	11	Changlang, Dibang Valley, East Kameng, Lohit, Lower Subansiri, Tawang, Tirap, Upper Siang, Upper Subansiri, West Kameng, West Siang
4.	Assam	12	Bongaigaon, Cachar Darrang, Dhubri, Goalpara, Hailakandi, KarbiAnglong, Karimganj Marigaon, Nagaon, Sonitpur, Tinsukia
5.	Bihar	25	Araria, Aurangabad, Banka, Begusarai, Darbhanga, Gopalganj, Jamui, Kaimur, Katihar, Khagaria, Kishanganj, Lakhisarai, Madhepura, Madhubani, Nawada, W. Champaran, E. Champaran, Purnia, Saharsa, Samastipur, Sheohar, Sitamarhi, Siwan, Supaul, Vaishali
6.	Chhattisgarh	15	Bastar, Bilaspur, Dantewada, Dhamtari, Durg, Janjgir – champa, Jashpur, Kanker, Kawardha, Koriya, Mahasamund, Raigarh, Raipur, Rajnandgaon, Surguja
7.	Dadar & Nagar Havelli	1	D & N Havelli
8.	Daman & Diu	2	Daman, Diu
9.	Gujarat	20	Amreli, BanasKantha, Bharuch, Bhavnagar, Dohad, Jamnagar, Junagad, Kachchh, Kheda, Mahesana, Narmada, PanchMahals, Patan, Porbandar, Rajkot, SabarKantha, Surat, Surendranagar, The Dangs, Valsad
10.	Haryana	7	Fatehabad, Gurgaon, Jind, Kaithal, Karnal, Panipat, Sirsa
11.	Himachal Pradesh	4	Chamba, Kinnaur, Lahul&Spiti, Sirmaur
12.	Jammu & Kashmir (erstwhile)	11	Anantnag, Badgam, Baramula, Doda, Kargil, Kathua, Kupwara, Leh, Punch, Rajauri, Udhampur
13.	Jharkhand	12	Chatra, Deoghar, Dumka, Garhwa, Giridih, Godda, Gumla, Kodarma, Pakaur, Palamu Paschim Singhbhum, Sahibganj
14.	Karnataka	20	Bagalkot, Bangalore Rural, Belgaum, Bellary, Bijapur, Chamaraajanagar, Chikmagalur, Chitradurga, Dakshina Kannada, Gadag, Hassan, Haveri, Kodagu, Kolar, Koppal, Mandya, Raichur, Tumkur, Udupi, Uttara Kannada
15.	Kerala	4	Kasaragod, Malappuram, Palakkad, Wayanad

16.	Lakshadweep	1	Lakshadweep
17.	Madhya Pradesh	39	Balaghat , Barwani, Betul, Bhind, Chhatarpur, Chhindwara, Damoh, Datia, Dewas, Dhar, Dindori, East Nimar, Guna, Harda, Jhabua, Katni, Mandla , Mandsaur, Morena, Narsimhapur, Neemuch, Panna, Raisen, Rajgarh, Ratlam, Sagar, Satna, Sehore, Seoni, Shahdol, Shajapur, Sheopur, Shivpuri, Sidhi, Tikamgarh, Ujjain, Umaria, Vidisha, West Nimar
18.	Maharashtra	7	Buldana, Gadchiroli, Hingoli, Jalna, Raigarh, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg
19.	Meghalaya	5	East Garo Hills, Jaintia Hills, RiBhoi, South Garo Hills, West Khasi Hills
20.	Mizoram	7	Champhai, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Lunglei, Mamit, Saiha, Serchhip
21.	Nagaland	1	Mon
22.	Odisha	18	Anugul, Balangir, Bargarh, Baudh, Debagarh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Kendujhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangapur, Nayagarh, Nuapada, Rayagada, Sonapur
23.	Puducherry	1	Yanam
24.	Punjab	13	Amritsar, Bathinda, Faridkot, Fatehgarh Sahib, Firozpur, Gurdaspur, Kapurthala, Mansa, Moga, Muktsar, Nawanshahr, Patiala, Sangrur
25.	Rajasthan	30	Ajmer, Alwar, Banswara, Baran, Barmer, Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Bundi, Chittaurgharh, Churu, Dausa, Dhaulpur, Dungarpur, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jaisalmer, Jalor, Jhalawar, Jhunjhunun, Jodhpur, Karauli, Nagaur, Pali, Rajsamand, SawaiMadhopur, Sikar, Sirohi, Tonk, Udaipur
26.	Sikkim	4	East, North, South, West
27.	Tamil Nadu	27	Ariyalur, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Erode, Kancheepuram, Kanniyakumari, Karur, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivaganga, Thanjavur, The Nilgiris, Theni, Thiruvallur, Thiruvarur, Thoothukkudi, Tirunelveli, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Viluppuram, Virudhunagar
28.	Tripura	4	North Tripura, South Tripura, West Tripura, Dhalai
29.	Uttar Pradesh	41	Bahraich, Balrampur, Banda, Barabanki, Bareilly, Basti, Bijnor, Budaun, Bulandshahr, Chitrakoot, Etah, Farrukhabad, Fatehpur, Gonda, Hamirpur, Hardoi, Hathras, Jyotiba P. Nagar, Kannauj , Kanpur Dehat , Kaushambi, Kheri, Kushinagar, Lalitpur, Maharajganj, Mahoba, Mathura, Moradabad, Muzaffarnagar, Pilibhit, Rae Bareli, Rampur, Saharanpur, SantKabir Nagar, Shahjahanpur, Shrawasti, Siddharthnagar, Sitapur, Sonbhadra , Sultanpur, Unnao
30.	Uttarakhand	2	Bageshwar , Champawat
31.	West Bengal	17	Bankura, Bardhaman, Birbhum, DakshinDinajpur, Darjiling, Haora, Hugli, Jalpaiguri, Koch Bihar, Maldah, Medinipur, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Puruliya, South 24 Parganas, Uttar Dinajpur
	<b>Total</b>	<b>374</b>	

## ANNEXURE-II

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 142 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023 ASKED BY DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY; SHRI N. REDDEPPA, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS**

Central Releases under RUSA to States/UTs as on 28.07.2023

S. No.	States/ Uts	Grand Total(Rs. In crores)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	13.36
2	Andhra Pradesh	349.04
3	Arunachal Pradesh	103.70
4	Assam	487.45
5	Bihar	137.10
6	Chandigarh	40.77
7	Chhattisgarh	220.13
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	4.78
9	Daman & Diu	3.94
10	Delhi	1.52
11	Goa	53.57
12	Gujarat	184.04
13	Haryana	156.08
14	Himachal Pradesh	226.73
15	Jammu & Kashmir	353.97
16	Jharkhand	259.28
17	Karnataka	359.30
18	Kerala	259.97
19	Ladakh	1.55
20	Madhya Pradesh	273.06
21	Maharashtra	302.93
22	Manipur	139.51
23	Meghalaya	127.15
24	Mizoram	126.23
25	Nagaland	97.05
26	Odisha	416.32
27	Puducherry	54.84
28	Punjab	182.51
29	Rajasthan	313.17
30	Sikkim	74.04
31	Tamil Nadu	414.97
32	Telangana	172.81
33	Tripura	65.72
34	Uttar Pradesh	496.59
35	Uttarakhand	234.96
36	West Bengal	377.25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7085.40</b>

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