

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1331  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020

**Girls Education in Backward Areas**

†1331.SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) the efforts being made by the Government to promote girls education in educationally backward blocks of the country during the last three years;
- (b) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) opened for SC/ST during last three years; and
- (c) the number of KGBVs which have been upgraded to senior secondary level under integrated scheme of school education-Samagra Shiksha?

**A N S W E R**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) & (b) Under Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education, effective from 2018-19, various interventions have been targeted for girls, including those in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs). These interventions include opening of schools in the neighbourhood as defined by the State, provision of free text-books to girls up to Class VIII, uniforms to all girls up to class VIII, provision of gender segregated toilets in all schools, teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls' participation, provision for Self-Defence training for the girls from classes VI to XII, stipend to CWSN girls from class I to Class XII, construction of residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas/in areas with difficult terrain.

In addition to this, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been sanctioned in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) under Samagra Shiksha, which 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). 143 new KGBVs have been sanctioned in last 3 years. Presently, 4881 KGBVs are functional with total enrolment of 618138 girls, out which 330238 (53.42%) are girls belonging to SC/ST communities.

(c) A total of 830 KGBVs have been upgraded up to Senior Secondary level under Samagra Shiksha.

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