

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1722  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2.3.2020**

**Ambedkar Navodaya Vidyalayas**

1722. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:  
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up Ambedkar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the lines of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas to provide quality education to meritorious poor and dalit students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such schools are proposed to be set up in Odisha;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to establish 150 Ambedkar Navodaya Vidyalayas, on the lines of the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, for students belonging to the Scheduled Caste (SC) community and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government intends to establish Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Kerala; and
- (f) if so, whether the Government received any proposal indicating the willingness from the Kerala Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has informed that a new scheme, namely, 'Ambedkar Navodaya Vidyalayas (ANV)' for setting up of residential schools for Scheduled Castes (SCs) across the country is proposed to be introduced. Under the scheme, 150 co-educational residential schools for SCs for class VI – XII, on the lines of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, have been proposed to be set up in districts having large concentration of SC population. The scheme aims to nurture and promote the talent of the meritorious students belonging to Scheduled Castes by providing best opportunities and resources to boost overall improvement of their life and to compete with the other students for higher education leading to better choice of profession and better employment opportunities to them. The scheme is, however, yet to be approved.

(e) & (f) : The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme provides for opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in each district of the country. All the 14 districts of Kerala have been covered under the scheme.

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