

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*290
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th AUGUST, 2021

Educationally Backward Districts

†*290 SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified districts in the country which are educationally backward and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the criteria/ norms adopted to identify the said districts;
- (c) the efforts being made by the Government to improve the education level in the said districts; and
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any review of the progress achieved with the said efforts and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 290 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 ASKED BY
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI; SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI, HON'BLE MEMBER OF
PARLIAMENT REGARDING EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS**

(a) : Yes Sir. Details are placed at **Annexure I**.

(b): An Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) had identified 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) based on various educational parameters including Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), College-population Ratio and average enrolment per college.

(c) & (d): Government has taken a number of measures to improve the educational standards in the country with special focus on EBDs. Some of these measures are as follows :

Department of School Education is implementing an Integrated Scheme for School Education named Samagra Shiksha which treats school education holistically and without segmentation from pre-primary to class XII. The scheme enables all children to have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process. The scheme covers 11.6 lakh schools, over 15.6 crore students and 57 lakh Teachers of Govt. and Aided schools. Initiatives of National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA), National Mission on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat), Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH) etc are being implemented to improve the quality of school education.

To reduce gender gaps at all levels of schooling, 5726 KGBVs have been sanctioned in the country.

Model Degree Colleges have been sanctioned in 194 districts of which UGC had Sanctioned 64 and 130 MDCs were sanctioned under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA).

Schemes like National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, various Scholarship schemes, etc and initiatives like, Massive Open Online Courses, Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), SWAYAM Prabha etc are being implemented to enhance the quality of Higher Education. On SWAYAM portal, online courses are provided to learners free

of cost in 11 Indian languages whereas 34 Educational TV channels are provided under SWAYAM Prabha.

Due to various efforts taken by the government in the education sector, Gross Enrolment Ratio has substantially increased and gender parity has been achieved in School as well as Higher education.

Annexure referred to in part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 290 to be answered on 9th August, 2021 regarding Educationally Backward Districts asked by Shrimati Rama Devi; Shri Harish Dwivedi, Hon'ble MP

State wise details of educationally backward districts identified by 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 Haveli	1	D & N Haveli
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, ChamaraJanagar, 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, Thiruvavur, 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
	Total	374	