

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*202
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021

Gender Equality in Education Sector

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SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is making appropriate/necessary efforts for women empowerment and gender equality in the field of education particularly in Gujarat and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the efforts being made by the Ministry for increasing women participation in higher education institutes, particularly induction of more female teachers in educational institutes as well as higher education institutes in Gujarat?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) and (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.202 FOR REPLY ON 13.12.2021 ASKED BY SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA AND SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING GENDER EQUALITY IN EDUCATION SECTOR

(a) and (b): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution. The Ministry of Education has taken a number of initiatives for women empowerment and gender equality in the field of education sector across the country including Gujarat. The Ministry is implementing Samagra Shiksha Scheme under which there are provisions of gender segregated toilets in all schools, Teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls' participation, Rani Laxmi Bai Atmaraksha Prashikshan, stipend for Girl Children With Special Needs, etc. In addition, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been opened in Educationally Backward Blocks for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups. Out of 5615 sanctioned KGBVs, 170 KGBVs have been sanctioned in the State of Gujarat.

Similarly, University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) are implementing various fellowship/scholarship schemes. 159 Women Studies Centres, including 4 Centres in Gujarat, have been established in various Universities and Colleges to undertake research and develop curricula in the areas of gender equity, economic self-reliance of women, girls' education, etc. In order to improve Gender Balance in Undergraduate Programmes in IITs, 5039 supernumerary seats for female students have been created since 2018-19.

Under Samagra Shiksha Scheme, assistance is provided to the States and UTs including Gujarat for deployment of additional teachers.
